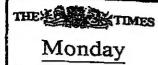
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Growth industry Monday Page examines the flowering of vegetarianism

Right-off Anne Sofer asks: whatever happened to the right to vote?

Far pavilion Simon Barnes reports from Hongkong's rugby

Shell drops British Steel order

An £18m gas pipeline order, for which British Steel had reopened its Hartlepool mill, has heen cancelled after Shell Oil found the pipe unacceptable. A Japanese consortium will take over the North Sea contract

EEC not broke after all

The European Commission avoided a confrontation with Britain over the £100m contribution Whitehall refused to pay. The Commission said it did not after all need the money urgently, as it was not broke

Victim's award

An £8.000 award has been made to Mrs Clementine George who was beaten by police officers who forced their way into her home in Sydenham, south Page 4

Law Report, page 7 Holiday curb

Package holidays could become scarce because the trend for late bookings has led to tour operators cutting back on their hrochure offers, according to the travel firm Pickfords Page 3

A-bomb call



Mr Bob Hawke, Australia's Labour Prime Minister faces left-wing opposition following the leak of a document saying Australia should make nuclear weapons if neighbouring countries obtain them

Lyingpolygraph

Known criminals emerged as honest when they took part in a study to assess the accuracy of

Investors' fight

British investors who have lost money on commodity futures in the US are seeking redress through the American courts Family Money, page 24

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The National Union of Journalists is to defy a House of Lords ruling by again making official a strike at Dimbleby Newspapers

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Jenkin may reduce council grants to community groups

By Hugh Clayton, Local Government Correspondent

The Government is considering a new legal curb on council spending which would restrict hundreds of controversial grants to women's, civil rights and other voluntary groups.

Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary
of State for the Environment,

said at a press conference in London yesterday that the Government faced "a mounting volume of indignant protest from ratepayers" about such payments.

He spoke after introducing the Local Government (Interim Provisions) Bill which is meant to pave the way towards abolition of the Greater London Council and all six English metropolitan county councils in

two years' time.
The Bill, which provides for cancellation of next year's elections to the threatened case brought by the Conservacouncils. was immediately at-tacked as "a dangerous consti-tutional assault". The metro-claims that the GLC's subscrippolitan councils are in Tyne and tion to the recently-formed Wear, South and West York-Association to London Auth-shire. West Midlands, Greater orities is unlawful because the

Mr Jenkin's announcement shows that the Government is considering or intending to use four methods of curbing spending through and by high-spending Labour councils in urban areas. They are:

association is politically-motivated.

Mr Kenneth Livingstone, leader of the GLC, said yesterday that it was "99 per cent certain" that his authority would appeal against last week's areas. They are:

Rate capping, the first phase of which will start in a year when the Government fixes legal ceilings for up to 20 of the highest-spending councils in decision as a base from which to England. They will include the GLC, several London boroughs the decision as a base from which to reform the "free tuppence" rule.

That gives councillors a

The United States Govern-

ment is expected to be accused next week by an all-party committee of MPs of seriously

misleading Britain over its-

intentions before Grenada was

That is likely to be one of the

the House of Commons Foreign Affairs Committee, to be

published on Thursday, after

an investigation of the Grenada

crisis. The investigation in-cluded visits by MPs to the

island and to neighbouring Barbados and Trinidad.

Sir Anthony Kershaw, Con-servative MP for Stroud, will

set out a detailed timetable of

events before and during the crucial weekend leading up to

the invasion early on Tuesday,

October 22 from the Americans

that they had been asked to

contribute to a force being assembled by the Caribbean

government. However, as Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, told the Commons in

an emergency debate after the invasion, the US Government

told Britain it concluded that it should proceed "very cau-tiously".

The United States Army is

very pleased with the 7,000

officers and other ranks who

invaded the British Common-wealth's spice island of Grenada. It has therefore

About 50 decorations have

gone to personnel who got no closer to the fighting than the Pentagon. Staff and support

troops who never actually left

American soil have also been

It has awarded 275 decor-

ations for valour, for combat

deaths, or for wounds. It gave

8,337 medals for individual performance, including 4,581 commendation medals, 2,495

Airborne Division walked away

Britain's art world is deeply

concerned that the delicate

balance of the system protect-

ing the country's heritage could

be destroyed by plans to sell off

part of a great private collec-

The Duke of Sutherland is

understood to be planning to sell some of the paintings on loan to the National Gallery of

The value of the paintings on

loan is estimated at £60m but

there is no evidence of what

That sale could strip the National Heritage Memorial

Three fears have emerged in

Scotland in Edinburgh.

portion is for sale.

with 6,708 individual medals.

achievement medals,

awarded 8,612 medals.

honoured.

The Government learnt on

October 25.

The committee, chaired by

ns in a re

invaded last October.

and Basildon, Essex. Mr Jenkin power to raise revenue for said yesterday that the list for the first phase would be drawn up "in the next four months or

Urban programme payments.
A team of officials from Mr
Jenkin's department and the
Treasury is examining government payments worth £348m a year in grants to inner city

Abolition of the GLC and metropolitan county councils.
"The savings to be achieved from abolition ought to be substantial". Mr Jenkin said

A new restriction on the power of councils to make grants to voluntary groups. Mr Jenkin explained that his next move on that would depend on the final outcome of a court

would appeal against last week's judgment that the subscription is unlawful. Mr Jenkin indicated that if final judgment went against the subscription

Britain was in touch with the

US Government throughout October 23. On the next day, a

few hours before the invasion,

the Foreign Secretary told the

Commons: "I have no reason to

think that American military intervention is likely". He said that the United States Govern-

ment had explained to Britain

that the movement and pres-

ence of its naval vessels in the

area was for the purpose of

rescuing the sizable American

The conclusion of the select

was being less than frank. It has based that finding on,

among other things, the evi-dence given to the committee by

Armed Services Committee on

January 24 by Mr Langehorns

Motley, Assistant Secretary of

State, and the talks of com-

mittee members with the US

embassadors in Grenada and

Sir Geoffrey and his col-leagues are likely to be criticized for too readily accept-

ing the line coming from Washington and not doing enough to discover what was

The Army said its award system is a valuable and effective leadership tool to build

unit morale and esprit". The

Navy, Marines and Air Force,

which had a much smaller role,

have been far less lavish:

between them thay have awarded barely a handful of individual medals.

But all the services are

expected to distribute armed

forces expeditionary medals to

the men, and a few women, who

were on or near the island

during the campaign. That could benefit 19,600 people, including the 10,000-odd offic-

ers and sailors who were on

board the carrier Independence

clear that no individual awards

unable to bid for other import-

ant works. The fund has had to

announce that it cannot find money to save a valuable painting attributed to Duccio

The prices which might be paid

by oversees collections, such as the Getty Museum of Califor-

nia, could tempt some of the

paintings out of the country and

start a stampede of sales by

other British owners. That would rip apart the fragile

for the nation.

will be given to staff officers.

community in Grenada

US will be accused

on Grenada invasion

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

Campaign that won 8,612

medals for 7,000 troops

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

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Bronze Stars and a variety of and other ships that stood off other decorations. The 82nd Grenada. The Navy has made it

general spending up to a value of 2p multiplied by the total ratable values of all properties in their areas. "We will want to look at the judgment very carefully because it could have relevance to quite a lot of other payments", Mr Jenkin said. But his critics concentrated

on the Bill, even though he offered them one definite and one possible concession. The most controversial clause in the Bill gives ministers the power to order the cancellation of elections due in the threatened councils in just over a year. The Bill does not include the key power to order abolition of the

councils themselves in 1986. councils themselves in 1986,
Mr Jenkin said that he would
not cancel the elections until a
subsequent Bill authorizing
abolition of the councils had
become law. He also said that
ministers might allow elections
to the Inner London Education Authority to continue after abolition of the GLC.

Mrs Frances Morrell, leader of the ILEA, said: "I would have thought that what we are really seeing is a kind of genteel fascism in this country, wrapped up in a nice parcel of Princh hymbus and British British humbug and British

hypocrisy".

Mr Alan Greengross, leader of the minority Conservative group of GLC councillors. repeated the group's call for a small elected successor to the GLC instead of the nominated committees sought be ministers.
Advice to Liverpool, page 2

Unions set for Nissan no-strike agreement

By Our Labour Reporter The two big car industry unions are prepared to make unprecedented concessions to ensure that the Nissan Motor ompany of Japa from its modest pilot plant at Washington New Town, Tync and Wear.
On offer is what amounts to a

no-strike agreement on behalf of both the Transport and General Workers' Union and the Amalamated Union of Engineering Vorkers.

committee is understood to be that the US State Department The proposals, already put forward by local union officials, may have influenced the company to build its plant employ-Sir Geoffrey, a statement to the House of Representatives. ng up to 500 people and producing 24,000 cars in the North-east. A short list of three sites also included Immingham, Humberside and Shotton,

Mr Joseph Mills, the northeast regional secretary of the transport workers' union, also told the company that his union was prepared to negotiate a single-union agreement.

The no-strike offer, which basically involves binding arbi-tration in disputes, will infuriate eft-wing unionists and labour eaders in the areas which Nissan rejected.

All these concessions are unheard of in the rest of the

motor industry and will be studied with some interest by the bigger companies Mr Grenville Hawley, national secretary of the transport workers union, yesterday refused to rule out a no-strike agreement. He said: "We will be

Nissan counters fears, page 2

iscussing the whole matter



Mr Hawley: refused to rule

Relief at end of Jordan visit

From Christopher Walker Agaba, Jordan

to the intense relief of local British diplomats, led by the newly-knighted Ambassador, Sir Alan Urwick, the Queen yesterday safely completed her most dangerous royal tour, the political repercussions of which can be expected to reverberate throughout the Middle East for months to come.

months to come.

The severe problems which the timing of the visit and the Queen's stated sympathy with the plight of the Palestinians will cause with Israel come immediately to the fore next week when her first official apparement is a meeting with engagement is a meeting with President Chaim Heroz of Israel, who will present a counter-invitation for a tour of Israel.

During a meeting at 10, Downing Street yesterday, President Herzog invited Mrs Thatcher to visit Israel, His formal invitation to the Queen is likely to be delivered when he has lunch with her at Windsor Castle on Monday. (Rodney Cowton writes). The secutity threat which has clouded the five-day tour

and reduced almost to nil the queen's chances of contacts with ordinary Jordanians — more then 60 per cent are Palestinians - was symbolized by the sun glinting off the three complex anti-missile devices fitted to the engines of the royal TriStar as it soared away from Aqaba's desert airport open jeeps mounted with heavy machines guns and marksmen silhouetted against the rocky backdrop ringed the instal-

lations,
Before the farewell 21-gun
salute (fired from cannons pointedly not facing the near by Israel border), Mr Michael Shea, the Queen's press secretary, expressed concern at the way in which Middle East experts have linked the tour with Wednesday's assassin-ation of a British diplomat in

But he was at a complete loss to offer any alternative theory for the murder, or the threat of-further violence against British targets by terrorists believed to



Smiling in the rain: The Queen and Duke of Edinburgh arriving at Heathrow from Jordan yesterday.

be acting for the Syrian-backed Abu Nidal group. It was learnt that, even as

the Queen was bravely attempting to invest her flual engagements with as great an impression of normality as possible under the trying circumstances, security was-being tightened at all British diplomatic missions in the region, and those in other parts

decision will cause outrage

throughout sport in this country

and internationally the repre-

cussions could be very serious

aimed largely at the 1986 Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh, a year in which the Lions are scheduled to tour

South Africa. This year's Olym-

pic Games in Los Angeles seem

Those repercussions may be

of the world - particularly Europe - where Arab terrorists are known to operate, often in cooperation with locally-based left-wing extremists.

A final judgment on the overall success of the tour will have to involve a weighing of its triumph in personal terms for the Queen and in cementing

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man for the South African Non-

Racial Olympic Committee, said lobbying would begin to bar England from the Games in

Edinburgh and criticized the

Commonwealth Games Council

stronger protest. He did not rule

out some form of protest at the final of the RFU's county

championship at Twickenham

The RFU committee, meeting at the London Hilton Hotel,

voted for the tour by 44-6. The

Aslef in move to spread strikes By Barrie Clement and Paul Routledge

Unions moved further towards their most serious confrontation with the Government yesterday as train drivers' leaders became the first transport union to call a halt to all movement of coal and coke in

But Mr Bill Sirs, general secretary of the Iron and Steel Trades Confedertion, said he did not want to see his members "crucified on some one clse's aftar" - after a warning from the British Steel Corporation that an escalation of the pit strike would cause "irreparable damage" to the industry.

Mr Sirs' executive meets next

week to decide whether to back

the miners.
The Central Electricity Generating Board indicated yester-day that, desipte high coal stocks, electricity prices could rise of the strike continued. However, a spokesman added that there would be no power

cuts until at least the autumn.
Aslef's decision to stop coal and coke movements was coupled with an instruction to its 24,000 members not to cross picket lines. Any resulting disruption of supplies will almost certainly lead to court injuncions to stop unlawful injuncions to stop unlawful secondary action.

The train drivers' backing endorsed the recommendation of Thursday's meeting of the general secretaries of seven big

Leaders of the National Union of Railwaymen on Monday and the executive of the Transport and General Workers' Union on Tuesday are likely to follow suit. Mr Jim Stater, of the National Union of Seamen, has said his union is already implementing the pol-

Mr Sirs' comments are a blow to the solidarity of the unions involved but are not unexpected. Some observers believe Mr Sirs' executive may take a different attitude next week.
Last night Mr Robert Has-lam, British Steel's chairman,

said the repercussions of a Continued on back page, col 8

sporting bodies, to whose

decisions they were not a party.

"When you take decisions in

Ramphal

life you often upset someone,"

eral, said the decision would be

deplored throughout the Commonwealth and beyond: "It will not only damage

international sporting relations

and do great harm to rugby itself but it will also come as a

Mr Jacobs said

Sir Shridath

Disruption fear after rugby tour decision

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

The Rugby Football Union. the ruling body of the game in England, agreed yesterday to send a team to South Africa in May, It will be the second tour by England to the republic, though the British Lions have toured twice since the last South

African tour to this country (in

1969-70) and Ireland toured there in 1981. The decision provoked protests from anti-apartheid groups. Mr Robert Hughes, Labour MP for Aberdeen North Apartheid. Movement, said:

This depressingly predictable

less likely to suffer disruption, though in 1976, after New Zealand made a rugby tour to South Africa, there was a black boycott of the Montreal Games. Mr Sam Ramsamy, spokes-

£6m grants shift by **Arts Council** By David Hewson

The Arts Council is to switch £6m of grants from London to 12 key areas of Britain in an attempt to restore the balance of arts backing between the capital and the regions.

The decision, authoranced

vesterday after what the council described as an unpredented consulation process, was criti-cized by those groups which will lose their grants and the Opposition arts spokesman, Mr Norman Buchan.

It will mean the disappearance of one of the capital's four main orchestras, the end of grants to 15 theathe companies. and a reduction in the council's investment in literature.

But it will result in £2.2m more for regional arts associations, a new orchestra for eastern England and an extra 2m for new developments in regional drama

Spares for Iran anger Shultz

From Nicholas Ashford Washington

.Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, has sharply criticized Britain for providing military spare parts to Iran. In an interview with The Times Mr Shuttz described the provision of military spares by Britain to the Khomeini regime

as "unhelpful". Britain's decision to provide spares for military equipment sold to Iran befor the overthrow of the Shah has been the subject of secret high-level contacts ton for several months. Britair maintains it is only supplying

non-lethal spares to Iran. Mr Shultz's criticism of Britain's action - the first public comment he has made on the subject - reflects growing American concern at the deteriorating situation in the Gulf. In the interview Mr Shultz also discussed American policy Report in detail, page 2 | in the Middle East

Bernard Levin, page 8 A full account will appear in Leading article, page 9 The Times on Monday.

setback to the wider cause of president. Ron Jacobs. who multi-racialiam in South abstained, said the union could More reactions, page 29 not take responsibility for other

for England for not making a Commonwealth secretary-gen-

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Part of Sutherland art collection may be sold By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent Fund of its resources, leaving it system for keeping the paint-

ings in this country. A surge in exports signaled by the report of the Reviewing Committee in the Export of Works of Art, published today.

The Duke has declined to The duke's action could be the start of the break-up of his historic collection, one of the most important in private hands in the United Kindom.

comment on the sale. The 30 paintings which have been loaned to the National Gallery of Scotland since 1946 comprise most of the highlights of the gallery's display, includ-ing three paintings by Raphael, a Rembrandt self-portrait, five paintings by Titian and the famous series of seven Sacraments by Ponssin. These are valued at 160m.

The sale of Sutherland paintings is thought to be one of the key reasons behind the National Heritage Memorial Fund's decision last neek not to finance the purchase of the fourteenth-century Crucifixion by the Mamchester City Art Galleries.

Manchester is trying to save the painting from export to the Getty Museum with a price tag

Mr Brian Lang, secretary of the fund, said that the decision had been taken after a recent and highly important commitment by the fund towards the purchase of paintings. He said that he hoped it would be

retary of the National Art Collections Fund, also referred

the painting. it had been understood that the two funds had come to a

decision three months ago.

possible to disclose details of that commitment soon. Sir. Peter Wakefield., sec-

to the overriding importance of the heritage fund's commit-ment. The national fund voted iast after Christmas to offer Manchester £500,000 towards

private pact and both intended to support the purchase of the Cricificion. Sir Peter said that the heritage fund's new com-mitment had "biown up" since the national fund took its

Shift of emphasis from London to the regions divides arts world

By David Hewson, Arts Correspondent

The Arts Council announced the most fundamental shift in state funding for English arts in its 39-year-history yesterday, moving £6m out of London and the South-east into 12 strategic

The policy, announced in a document named The Glory of the Garden after a Rudyard Ripling poem, left the arts world divided.

and other companies now under threat when their present grants within the council. run out in 12 months were bitterly critical of what they described as a political move. But regional arts associations,

which stand to receive up to £2.2m extra. gave the document a muted welcome, mindful, perhaps, that they should not praise too highly a windfall which comes at the expense of other arts groups.

The strategy will close one of the four main London orches-

tras, so far unnamed, or send it to Nottingham or eastern England, withdraw grants from 15 theatre companies and reduce the council's interests in

subsidizing literature.

Opera comes off the lightest of all the arts, although it is the most heavily subsidized at the moment. One company, Opera 80, will lose its grant.

According to Arts Council figures, the body gave an average £19 subsidy on every opera ticket sold last year, compared with £2,80 for drama companies and £7.50 for

But the Royal Court Theatre, one of the best-known names under threat of losing its grant. won a kind of reprieve, against the wishes of some of the more senior figures in the council.

The Royal Court's future remains unassured: it will receive grants for a further year and will then be asked to find new funds from Kensington and consistently refused to back it in

ART: With local authorities

the Arts Council will seek to,

help existing public galleries in

strategic areas to develop their facilities from a £500,000 central fund. "This development will help to restore

contemporary art to its rightful

place within the country's art

DANCE: A development fund

of £450,000 will raise dancers'

salaries other than in the Royal

Ballet and the Sadier's Wells

Royal Ballet. Two London touring groups,

GRANTS LOST FROM 1985/86

Eastern Authorities

Castern Authorities Orchestral Association New Opera Company Handel Opera Company (Irom April, 1986) English Sinfonia

Harrogate Festival King's Lynn Festival Leeds Musical Festival

Mr Max Stafford-Clark, the anywhere else is welcome to theatre's artistic director, said: "I am delighted we have won this battle, but it is clear that the council wants to erode the level of grant to us over the years. This document is still a serious

threat to the Royal Court." The move to close the Royal Court was defeated at Wednesday's crucial meeting, one of several closures proposed at the London arts organizations session which were eventually dropped because of opposition

Sir William said.

The writer John McGrath,

founder of the 7:84 theatre

company, which loses its grant,

said that the company might have been singled out for attack

strategic areas, with further

funds subject to equal amounts

being raised locally. The

development may centre on one

A further £1.5m will be used

to pay for new writing, children and young people's theatre, and

ring its base to eastern England possibly Nottingham, or estab-lishing a new orchestra in the

region, at a cost of £500,000. A

TRAINING

Benash Institute of Choreology £60,000

(Subsidy to National Opera Studio and Association of British Theatre Tech-nicians cut by 50 per cent and chanelled

HOUSING THE ARTS SCHEME

Scrapped after the end of existing

or more companies.

Opera 80

108,000

87,000

132,500 148,000 75,000 47,000 44,500 28,500 92,500 72,000

£1,214,500

City University National Centre for



Mr Luke Rittner (left), council secretary-general, and Sir William Rees-Mogg, chairman. main orchestras were too many

Developments in the new strategy

Mr Luke Rittner, the coun-for the capital, although it had cil's secretary-general, said the yet to be decided wwhich one of the four, the London Symphony, the Royal Philharmonic. document had demanded some

difficult decisions.

The council wouyld obviously hope that the withdrawals ously hope that the withdrawals the Philharmonia, would be offered the choice of going out difficult decisions. lasting damage to the arts and of business or moving to the arts provision in London as a provinces. whole, but I can entirely see that there will be people living in in concerted campaign against

them.
"It isn't, but if you are trying to shift emphasis then the first step will be an unfortunate

one", Mr Rittner said.
Sir William Rees-Mogg, the council chairman denied that on a tour of Canada paid for by London would be markedly worse off through the cuts. "Any Londoner who thinks that political spite", Mr McGrath

Janet Smith and Mantis

Dance, will receive new support

for provincialtours. There will

be new money for black and

Asian dance, including in-

creased funds for the black

dance company Phoenix in

Royal Ballet to establish regular annual links with three

regional centres and to Sadler's

Wells Royal Ballet to develop

its links with Birmingham.
DRAMA: A total of £2m is:

allocated for new developments.

three quarters of it in the

Basingstoke: Horseshoe Theatre

Bronley: Churchill Theatre Chester: Gatsway Theatre Croydon: Alternatives Co Guidford: Yyoona

London: King's Head Theatre London: Wakefield Theycle

fford: Yvonne

Harrogate (White Rose) Theatre

Homchurch Theatre Trust

Worthing Connaught Theatre CAST Presentations M6 Theatre Co Mikron Theatre Co 7:84 Theatre Co (England) Temba Theatre Co

Arnaud Theatra

The council will look to the

idea that the cuts had a political He said that the new policy motive and pointed out that was primarily aimed at bringing some of those areas affected, the opportunity for experienc- such as Guildford and Bromley. ing the arts outside London were hardly working-class. nearer to the London level.

Mr Val May, director of the "The Arts Council does not Yvonne Arnaud Theatre in want to damage London, which Guildford, which loses all its is one of the greatest world £108,000 grant, said that the cities of the arts - but it does company would look to other want to narrow the gap between sources to maintain its future. London and the rest of Britain",

But Sir William rejected any

"It is a small grant, never more than 18 per cent of our It had become clear that four annual turnover, which has been used to such good effect that it has been a major generator of work for national touring and frequently the

London stage."
Mr Norman Buchan. Opposition spokesman on the arts. said that some of the cuts were directly political and he criticized the council for not breaking away from "the domi-nation of the London-based centres of excellence".

The strategy will focus on 12 areas centred on Birmingham, Bristol, Ipswich/Norwich, Leeds, Leicester, Liverpool, Manchester, Newcastle upon Tyne, Nottingham, Plymouth, Sheffield and Southampton, which account for more than 80 per cent of the population of

One of the most vociferous critics of the plan is Dr Jonathan Miller, who chaired a meeting of many of those affected by the cuts. He said that it was not an equitable redistribution of funds.

"Many of these cuts are directed by political considerations with a view to extinguishing voices which, in the view of because the Labour leader, Mr the Arts Council are inimical to Neil Kinnock, is a member of the political views of this

The decisions reflected the view of a prosperous middle the British Council. The cut was "a petty, vindictive, act of

further £200,000 will go to

putting the five regional orches-

tras on a firmer financial

EDUCATION: The present budget will be doubled to

£310,000 next year. REGIONAL ARTS ASSOCI-

gions and the council over the

ARTS CENTRES

LITERATURE

National Book League grant cut by 25

Reduction in subsidies to Kettles Yard

next 12 months.

Word and Action.

English Centre of

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possibly Nottingham, or estab-

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Crash start: The ship that will head for the Antarctic backing off after ramming the Thames wall near Tower Bridge. It berthed yesterday ready to begin the two-year "In the Footsteps of Scott" expedition in August (Photograph: Tony Weaver).

the elections on May 3.

staying in office.

Mr Derek Ha

Liverpool is told by Jenkin to borrow

By Hugh Clayton and David Walker

Liverpool City Council can attempt it its majority rises after postpone bankruptcy by bor-rowing, Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for the Environment said yesterday. He said that Thursday's "defeat" of a potentially illegal rate would increase confidence among

But Mr Jenkin told a press-conference in London that prolonged failure to agree a rate for the financial year that begins tomorrow might expose controlling Labour councillors to make a legal rate. It might ultimately have to be pursued by the Attorney-General. However, he said: "We are miles from that position".

Court action might also be started by an auditor or council officer.

Although the council could not issue rate demands, it would receive rents and qualify for government rate support

Mr Jenkin said that he was not seeking powers to place administration in the hands of government-appointed com-

missioners. The next step lay with councillors. The controlling Labour group had temporarily lost control of the council on Thursday to a coalition of Conservatives, Liberals and

group's budget plans.
"It rests with those who wrested that control to move forward," Mr Jenkin said. Me Neil Kinnock, Labour

Party leader, said again yesterday that he rejected tactics adopted by Labour leaders of Liverpool Council. He blamed the Government for the city's social and financial difficulties. but said that they would be worsened if Labour councillors were replaced with com-

At a press conference in Manchester, Mr Kinnock advised the Labour group against ment gave no clu repeating Thursday's budget to his intentions.

The policy adopted by the party conference was to protect jobs, services and the needy, Mr ings by Liverpool City Council, Kinnock said. Labour council-lors could best do that by the troubled local authority which failed to produce a Budget on Thursday, in a move

Conservative councillors yesterthe date rests with the council chairman, Mr Hugh Dalton, a Labour councilior who voted consistently on Thursday with markets.

adherent and Labour's effective Mr. Harton's tactics are to delay consideration until after the elections for a third of the city's 99 councillors.

Mr Hatton said: "We are now saying to the people of the city: you are involved in a local referendum'

Liverpool's 30 Liberal and 18

day demanded an emergency

council session in a formight to

agree a budget. But the choice of

Although the legal authority of the city treasurer, Mr Michael Reddington to spend money in the new financial year remains sketchy, it seems that the cash flow will be kept up. Labour plans, apparently legally, to use a finance committee meeting on Tuesday to authorize minimum spending on debt

interest, wages and other items. Short-term loans are likely to be available through the Public Works Loan Board, a govern-

ment agency.
Mr John Hamilton, nominal council leader, said: "We have sufficient finance to keep the city solvent until after the elections in May, provided the Government does not withdraw the rates grant".

It is open to the district auditor for Liverpool to apply to the High Court for a writ requiring the council to set a rate. However, Mr Les Stanford, employed by the Audit Commission rather than by the Department of the Environment gave no clues yesterday as

City move threatens councils

By Christopher Duna Dealers in the City of London's money markets are now starting to black borrow-

which threatens to disrupt the workings of the entire local authority sector of the markets. A leading money market trader is refusing to deal in Liverpool bonds, and there are no takers for mortgages offered by the Council. Some institutions are refusing to lend to

The moves are potentially damaging to the whole mechanism of local authority borrowings as most negotiations should take no account of the names attached to bonds. Normally, they concentrate on the interest yield on offer and the price. Discrimination against particular local authority borrowers could increase substantially the cost of borrowing by certain local anth-

orities. The authorities, bowever, were keen to play down fears in money markets, pointing out that income from rates amounted to only about a quarter of the council's total income. For 1983/84, rate income was worth an estimated £141m, compared with a rate support grant of £108m. Al-

though there was a general awareness in official circles that money markets were refusing to touch Liverpool, it was emphasized that the council had enough liquidity to keep operating for some time, Mr Philip Kelly, Liverpool

City Council's deputy treasur-er, said yesterday: "We have enough cash to keep going for the time being but we can't put any timescale on it. There are too many imponderables to make any meaningful fore-Leading article, page 9

Unlike many Labour MPs who want him to take a higher profile in the dispute. Mr Neil

be upheld.

Kinnock remains anxious to avoid raising the political temperature. He does not intend to intervene publicly but he has made clear his belief that the NUM should stop its internal arguments because of the damage that public strife can cause the Labour move-

Mr John Gummer, the Conservative chairman, said yesterday that the dispute was between the coal board and the miners' union and they must find their own way out of it. The only part the state had to play was to ensure that people wanting to go to work should be allowed to do so, he said in Leeds.

Surveyors sued over delays at Trocadero site

Richard Ellis, the chartered surveyors and estate agents, is being sued because of increasing costs and delays in the develop-ment of the Trocadero site at Piccadilly Circus (our Property Correspondent writes).

spokesman for Richard A spokesman for Richard Ellis confirmed yesterday that the writ from Electricity Supply Nominees, which is funding the 200,000 square foot retailing and entertainment complex. had been received. ESN is the electricity supply industry's pension fund, and despite the writ. Richard Ellis will continue as joint letting agents and managing agents for the

It is likely that resolution of the dispute will take a matter of years. It revolved around the building costs of the scheme. which were originally estimated at £19m and have increased to about £40m, it is understood

The project is running about 18 months late, and planning difficulties are among the reasons for the delay.

The Trocadero is nearly finished and is due to be opened in June, containing extensive restaurant, entertainment and shopping facilities.

Anarchists plan repeat of protest to stop City

36,000 21,000 20,000 7,500 70,000

£430,500

The organizers of Thursday's "Stop the City" demonstration congratulated themselves yes-terday on the impact of their protest and planned to repeat it in September,

More than 400 people were arrested, several windows were broken, cars were damaged and two policemen were slightly hurt as the City was disrupted by an unprecedented alliance of punks, anarchists, anti-nuclear protesters and cyclists, and animal liberation, anti-apartheid and gay rights groups.

The protest alarmed City
workers, and kept several

buildings, such as Barclays Bank and the Bank of England. under virtual siege for much of The events divrted police,

press and public attention from a much larger, peaceful march by council workers and trade unionists to protest against the Government's decision to abolish metropolitan councils.

companies counted the cost vesterday, 'anarchist 'groups based in south London squats cmerged as the prime movers behind much of the disruption. The 394 arrests reported London Greenpeace, the en-London Greenpeace. London vironmental group, was behind last September's Stop the City" protest but Thursday's abolition of metropolitan authevent was much more widely orities. They were associated with a

Anarchist groups held meet-ings earlier this year in various cities to coordinate their action.

In London, their activities seem to have centred on the Anarchist Bookshop in Railton Road, Brixton, which bandles publications such as Black Cross, and Free London, and the Ambulance Station Collective Squat in the Old Kent Road, which produces a newspaper called Crowbar. The organizers tend not to

publicize their names but quite an effective grapevine operates in London squats.

Miss Amanda Speed, aged 23, a theatre director, answered a telephone number advertising legal advice to anyone arrested and told The Times yesterday:
"I think the demonstration was a great success. The last one was directed against the arms trade but this was more general, against exploitation of all sorts by banks. We went into several banks with leaflets and biscuits As police and insurance and were quite pleased with the

Correction

connexion with demonstrations in London yesterday did not, as implied, result from the protest

Powell accuses Prior of betraying Ulster

48,000

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Mr Enoch Powell accused the Government last night of betraying the people of Northern Ireland and made a personal attack on Mr James Prior, the Secretary of State (Philip Webster writes).

The Official Unionist MP again claimed that the Government of the Irish Republic and the Northern Ireland Office were conspiring to set up an all-Ireland state, and spoke of on the principle that every man treachery's varying rewards -Sarah Tisdall leaked a government document and was jailed for six months, but it was not so if the treachery was to be committed at the Government's

own prompting. it was to Mr Powell told the central submission.

The coroner investigating the The jury agreed to delete the death in police custody of Mr rider and return a straightfor-James Davey refused vesterday ward accidental death verdict. to accept the inquest jury's Mr Michael Mansfield, for verdict of accidental death with the Davey family, said: "The

Mr Charles Kenderdine. and restated the need to split 8 to 2 on decision. distinguish between reasonable and unreasonable force in Mr Davey, after a struggle with choosing between accidental police, died from pressure on death, unlawful killing and an the neck which caused brain

constituency association, that Mr Prior and the Northern Ireland Office were desperate. They knew the Ulster Unionists would not be persuaded "to play along with the plan for betraying Ulster which is being feverishly hatched between Dr FitzGerald and the Northern

committee of his South Down

Ireland Office".

He said: "Those who operate has his price . . . are handing But, he said, bribery was

bribes and promises out". rarely unaccompanied by bully

ing If Northern Ireland could not be bribed into submission. was to be bullied into

Davey death 'accidental'

the rider that the police had verdict is a contradiction in used unreasonable force.

It was the fifteenth day of the instructed the jury to reconsider hearing and the jury had first Then came the verdict that

terms'

Nissan counters EEC fears

By Colin Hughes and Clifford Webb Nissan, the Japanese car between the two nations eight years ago.

The second phase aims at

nent makers, and production of

cent local content. If it goes

makers, yesterday confirmed success in becoming a United Kingdom manufacturing com- absorbing the whole site, and pany, with the promise of another 140 acres for compo-fil2m of government money if nent makers, and production of it reaches the 100,000 car 100,000 carsa year with 60 per production level expected.

Nissan was delighted about ahead, more than 2,000 jobs taking the first-phase develop- will be generated in an area ment on an 800-acre airfield site where the unemployment rate is at Washington, near Sunder- 21.4 per cent.

land with the aim of employing Privately Nissan admit its up to 500 local workers target figures have been held assembling 24,000 cars a year down to steer clear of trouble from 1986 using Japanese parts. with Japanese unions and the

The cars would be included EEC. It would like to boost at first in the 11 per cent quota production to 200,000 cars of the British car market agreed within five years of start-up,

earmarking the 1.6 litre replace ment for the Stanza, a midrange saloon, as the focus

Mr James Bell, former industrial relations officer at Imperial Chemical Industries has been appointed to negotiate towards a one-union plant with local trade union leaders. The North of England Devel-

opment Council said Nissan proposed a "demanding prospectus", but could spin off 5,000 jobs by the next decade. Last year Nissan sold 104.684 cars in Britain, only Ford and General Motors import more.

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Labour is

accused

of 'big lie'

over police

By Philip Webster Political Reporter

The Home Secretary said

resterday that the Labour Party

was making a carefully planned

attempt to shake public confi-

dence in the role of law and the

in a fierce denunciation of

Labour's attitude to the miners'

dispute, Mr Leon Brittan

accused it of perpetrating "the

big lie" that it was the police,

and not the pickets, who were

challenging principles of free-

dom and democracy, and that it was from the policeman, who

upheld the law, rather than

from the criminal, who broke it,

that the threat to the public

Mr Brittan, speaking in Gwent, said that the big lie

always attracted unscrupulous

politicians - repeat what was

manifestly untrue and often

enough, their thinking went, and the public would believe

Mr Brittan's remarks indi-

cated that the Government which is maintaining its refusal to intervene in the dispute

despite the decision of other big

unions o to support the miners, has now decided to make

Labour's criticism of the police

a political issue. The party's national executive on Wednes-

day blamed the police for

Mr Britten said that to read

the comments of Labour spo-

kesmen one would think Britain

was on the way to becoming a police state. Those who made

such foolish allegations should

stop and think: they should

remember that it was all too

easy to devalue the political

currency by grave accusations against those in whose impartial

enforcement of the rule of law

the public trusted.

Labour's "shabby tactics" were far from new. Mr Brittan

said. For months Labour politicians had been attacking

Government measures in the Police and Criminal Evidence

Bill to give the police the

powers they needed to protect the citizen. Thousands of

pounds of ratepayers' money

had been poured by left wing councils into propaganda against the Bill. "No innuendo

has been 100 malicious; no

allegation about the Govern-

would not be fooled; they expected the law of the land to

Mr Brittan said the public

ment's intentions too wild,"

contributing to violence.

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Package

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warning By Derek Harris Commercial Editor warning of possible short-

ages of overseas package holi-

days this summer was given yesterday by Pickfords Travel, one of the top two travel

The trend towards late

bookings of holidays has led

tour operators with reduced

bookings to cut back on

brochure offers, reducing op-tions on hotel rooms and aircraft seats. Pickfords say.

Those reductions may be

compensated for by the more

successful operators taking up

Polygraphic lie detectors are inaccurate and unreliable, scientists say

eventually confessed.

the six interpreters.

likely

physiological

ACCURACY OF POLYGRAPH JUDGMENTS BY SIX INTERPRETERS

Potato prices stay below

autumn forecast

Despite the well-publicized the season out. Warm, dry

increase in potato prices, shop weather earlier this month

prices have still not reached the enabled farmers to plant extra 20p a pound predicted last acres of new potatoes which

autumn. The red varietics, should be available earlier than Cara. Desiree and King Ed-usual.

Use placenta to heal

wounds, Lancet says

A leading article in The wound is fully healed. In full uncer today suggests a cheap thickness wounds it can be changed every 48 to 72 hours.

terial effect, reducing the risk of increasingly stretched to pro-

infection in. for example, vide adequate care, it is time for chronic leg ulcers and burns, surgeons and others to over-

and promotes the growth of come an almost primitive

healthy new skin tissue the reluctance to make use of the

In wounds which penetrate The Lancet says, particularly

only part way through the skin when "a cheap, convenient,

surface, the afterbirth can be left ubiquitous and truly biological

in place on the wound to dressing is needlessly going to separate naturally when the waste".

in physiological reactions, such

as a change of heart rate and

skin resistance due to sweating,

when responding to two ques-tions: have you ever stolen

anything? and did you steal X

untruthful than truthful, and

the results show that the

misclassification rate of inno-

The error rate was even more

pronounced when the in-terpreters were subsequently instructed to base their de-

cisions on the results of the

Farmers are getting an aver-

age of £174 a tonne from

wholesalers, compared with less

than £55 a year ago, when a glut forced prices below the cost of production. The farm price has

rosen £60 in the past three

months, and ranges above £230 for premium qualities.

AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF LOOSE POTATOES, WEEK 12

Source: Potato Marketing Board

The article says that the

treatment of such raw wounds

accounts for a substantial part

"With health service finances

afterbirth for wound healing".

of any health budget.

measurements

to label a suspect

People with criminal records were portrayed as individuals of shining virtu c when they took part in the latest research to assess the accuracy of the

polygraph lie detector. The study was one of the most extensive undertaken and its findings, published in the latest issue of Nature, are reported as the Government Communications Headquarters Cheltenham is due on Monday to begin using the polygraph on civil servants requiring positive vetting

The scientists who carried out the study say: "with the increasing use of polygraphic lie detection in the United Kingdom and the United States it has become a matter of urgency to assess the accuracy and

reliability of the technique". They therefore extended carlier mock theft lie detection studies "from the laboratory to the field" and unterrogated 50 convicted thieves and 50 innocents people.

Dr Benjamin Kleinmuntz and Dr Julian Szucko, of the University of Illinois at Chicago, demonstrate that the fallibility of the polygraph rests as much with the wrong interpretation of the records by the operator as with the instrument itself. They say that

wards, are generally available at

unlikely to go beyond 20p,

because imported new potatoes

from Cyprus and Egypt are 18p to 25p a pound. About 84,000

tonnes have arrived, half as

many again as had been imported at the same time in 1983.

Belgium has also trebled its exports to Britain over the past

year, and has shipped 21,000

Home-grown potato reserves

were at this time last year, because the 1983 harvest was

cut by a fifth by the wet spring. The Potato Marketing Board

insists that there should be

Luncer today suggests a cheap

and efficient dressing to heal wounds and burns (Nicholas

Timmins writes). The placenta,

expected after a birth, should be

widely used in that way, it says. The afterbirth has an antibac-

article says.

enough British potatoes to see

Wholesalers feel the price is

Average interprets

19p a pound.

tonnes so far.

the devices have unacceptably plus information obtained during the interrogation. The high error rates. The people involved in the mistakes caused two out of experiment were acknowledged three innocent suspects to be criminals and individuals from judged guilty.

groups who had in the past The disclosures come when undergone questioning for a the Civil Service unions are theft to which the actual thief challenging the validity of polygraphs. One of the leading The polygraph data of each of the truthful and untruthful British authorities on the subject, Dr Douglas Carroll, of suspects were then given to six Birmingham University, has polygraph interpreters. The advised civil servants that the paper in Nature presents a comparison of the judgments of polygraph machine has only a slightly better chance than evens of being accurate. They were asked to separate the guilty from the innocent individuals by their differences

He told a meeting in Chelten-ham this week: "The device is inaccurate and likely to jeopardize the lives of conscientious and loyal civil servants. Its introduction should be resisted by all the trade union mem-

amount? The interpreters were more He said that a "trained" mole could pass the test without any problem. "There is a bias inherent in the machine because of the stressful nature of the tests and the questions that are cent people was as high as 50

Dr Carroll said that unles the trade unions successfully resisted its introduction into GCHQ it would be operated and introduced by institutions throughout Britain.

Scramble to beat tax on building

The Government's Budget proposal to impose 15 per cent value-added tax on building alterations from June I, is cousing a "mad scramble" for work to be done before the deadline, the Building Employers' Confederation says. (Our property Correspondent

writes). Many builders are fully committed for the next two months and are refusing further work, so that some projects are being cancelled because of the extra tax.

The confederation has called for the date to be deferred so that contractors and clients can organize their finances and

work to avoid halting projects.
The Federation of Master Builders is also worried by the effects of the proposals. It has asked the Treasury to agree that contracts signed before Budget day should not be subject to the tax even though the work may not have been done by June 1. If the Treasury rejects the compromise, the federation will

consider suggesting changes to the Finance Bill. Assistance for those wanting

double glazing or mirror-fronted wardrobes before the tax is imposed has come from the Glass and Galzing Feder-The Federation said that

householders who order and pay for work in full before June can have their advance payment fully protected even if the installation is done after

£97,600 award for widow

Mrs Maimona Siddia, of Karachi, whose husband Muhammed Bawani, aged 49, died after suffering brain damage during an eye operation at Lambeth Hospital, south London, in November, 1975, was awarded £97,600 damages in the High Court yesterday.

A consultant anaesthetist, Mr John Mathias, and the Lambeth. Southwark and Lewisham Health Authority admitted negligence but had contested the amount of damages.

Husband will not be charged

The husband of Janice Weston, the solicitor, whose battered body was found by the Al last September, will not be charged with her killing, the Cambridgeshire police said yesterday in a statement with the Director of Public Pros-

Mr Anthony Reginald Wes-ton, aged 39, of Addison Road, west London, has been on

Actor banned from driving Sir Michael Hordern, the

actor was fined £150 yesterday and disqualified for one year after admitting a drink driving

Sir Michael, aged 72, had 83 milligrams of alcohol per 100 milligrams of blood, more than twice the legal limit, when he was tested on an intoximeter, Bow St Magistrates' Court was told. He was tested after a minor collision in the Mall. London.

Open verdict on Caroline Hogg

An open verdict was recorded yesterday at Market Bosworth, Leicestershire, on Caroline Hogg, aged five, of Beech Lane, Portobello, Edinburgh, whose body was found 300 miles away from home at a lay-by in Leicestershire last July.

The child's body was so badly decomposed it was impossible to find the cause of death.



Brainy bugs: 1984 is set to become the year of the wood-louse, according to Dr Terry Glanvill of Honiton, Devon, who has devised a 10-lane race track to raise money for charity from racing Armadillidium, whose intelligence he rates highly. Dr Glanvill made his discovery during experiments for his Open University degree.

Gold diver cleared of secrets charges

valued at millions of pounds from the sunken wartime cruiser, HMS Edinburgh, was cleared on a judge's direction yesterday of three charges under the Official Secrets Act, 1911. He was accused of receiving

classified government information about two rival diving. firms competing to salvage the Edinburgh, which was tor-pedoed off the coast of the Soviet Union in 1942. Mr Jessop, aged 49, of Keighley, West Yorkshire, still faces a charge of plotting to defraud his two rivals by

misleading a government panel set up to award the salvage contract. He denies the charge. He and his Salvage Association contact, Mr John Jackson, are accused of saying "nasty and false things" about the rivals, Risdon Beazley and a Norwegian company, Stolt-Neilsen.

Mr Jackson taced two charges of leaking government docu-ments. Judge Tudor Price, the Common Serjeant, also directed he should be found not quilty of

Mr Jackson, aged 56, of Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire, still faces the conspiracy charge with Mr Jessop. After a day-and-a-half of legal

submissions at the Central Criminal Court, the Judge said he had decided there was no evidence that a contract existed between the Salvage Associ-ation and the Department of

He said: "The fundamental basis of the allegation is that Mr Jackson was employed by the Solvage Association which held a contract on behalf of Her Majesty. In this case it is by no means easy to establish whether the association held a contract with the Department of Trade be unfair if the impression were on the relevant dates.

Minister to hasten drug safety checks

The Government is to examine ways of spending up the process by which drugs which process by which drugs which pose safety risks can be withdrawn from the market.

The announcement comes after a decision by Ciba-Geigy to appeal to the Medicines Commission over a recommendation by the Committee on

Under the present rules, drug

companies can object to decisions to withdraw a drug first to the committee and then to

some of the spare airline and hotel capacity later in the season. Mr Keith Webber, Pickford's marketing director, said: "There are an estimated three million people, about 40 per cent of the market, who have not yet booked their summer holdiays and all the evidence in the trade

is that probably half of them will want to book late, as near to departure as three weeks."

That was the pattern last year, Mr Webber said.

Overall, the market as a whole is probably at about the same as this time last year. although at best bookings may be about 5 per cent higher. Pickfords, announced yester-

day a computerized late bookings system at 210 branches, which gives an instant selection of last-minute holiday options from more than 200 tour

Scargill challenged on pensions

Criticisms by Mr Arthur to be gained that the fund's management committee over managers had been backward in how best to use its investment investing directly in industrial mineworkers' pension scheme had been managed were chal-lenged in the High Court in

London yesterday. Mr Hugh Jenkins, the fund's investment director, said in written evidence that it would

managers had been backward in investing directly in industrial or development projects in

His evidence is being read to the judge, Sir Robert Megarry. the dispute between the National Coal Board and the National Union of Mineworkers' representatives on the fund

They are in deadlock after the union side blocked the latest investment strategy proposals, saying it wanted no more direct

The hearing continues on



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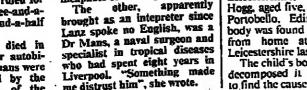
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For the first time, and conceivably the last, two German officers from Hitler's Wehrmacht are depicted on a British Isles postage stamp. A 13p stamp issued by Guernsey shows two officers in their green-grey uniforms, with riding breeches and peaked caps, meeting the Dame of Sark and her husband on July 3, 1940 to take occupation of the island. It was one of five stamps issued to comme this year's centenary of the birth of the redoubtable Dame Sybil Hathaway, who ruled for 47 years over her three-and-ahalf mile by one-and-a-balf mile feudal fief.

Dame Sybil, who died in 1974, recorded in her autobiography that the Germans were met on their arrival by the Seneschal, or judge, of the

island and taken to her residence, the Seigneurie, where she and her husband remained firmly seated at a table at the far end of the drawing room thus compelling the Germans to walk all the length of the room to reach

The senior officer was Major Albrecht Lanz, a doctor of law and philosophy from Stuttgart, whom she described as tall, alert, quick speaking, dark-haired, and dark eyed. She judged him fairminded and incapable of trickery.

The other, apparently me distrust him", she wrote.



Whitehall chiefs support more selective code of practice on secrecy

Senior Whitehall Officials responsible for plugging leaks are relieved that some culprits are being discovered after years of vain inquires by MI5, the police and departmental security officers.

Some are convinced, however, that the ferocity of the Prime Minister's reaction to leaks, and widespread public disapproval of the six-month sentence imposed last week on Miss Sarah Tisdall the former Foreign Office clerk, will drive Whitehall leakers to even greater exertions.

One seasoned veteran said: "It is like flu. If you get an epidemic, a lot of people catch it. The Government have been their own worst enemies'

The guardians of Whitehall confidentiality recognize there has been a surge of politicallymotivated leaking by officials opposed to government policy since the consensus-breaking Thatcher administration took power in 1979 (see table below). But, they add, the difference between the Callaghan and Thatcher years is not as marked

Conversation between Sir John Dec 1983 Donaldson, Master of the Rolls.

MoD consideration of pressure Mar 1984

Possible privatizing of Polaris Mar 1984

prepares for the 150th anniver-sary on July 1 of the Tolpuddle martyrs, JOHN YOUNG, Agri-

culture Correspondent, visits the

Dorset village to examine the life and tribulations of the

Oliver Trevett, Herbie Pit-

man and Harold Hodder have an average age of 56. All three began working on farms in

Dorset in the later years of the

Second World War, when the

alternatives were to be called up or to get a job in the local

munitions factory.
Mr Jack Boddy, national

secretary of the agricultural workers' section of the Trans-

port and General Workers'

Union, has for years tried unsuccessfully to get the National Farmers' Union to

commit itself to bringing wages

for men such as Oliver, Herbie

and Harold up to the national

industrial average. He de-

scribed last week's award by

the Agricultural Workers' Board of slightly more than 4.5

But what are the feelings of

Messrs Trevett, Pitman and

Hodder? They are cheerful,

trace of rancour. They like and

respect their employers and

feel that, if anyone has made

too much money out of farming,

it is not the farmers but the merchants and middle-men.

a horse-drawn plough at the age of 15; for a 52-hour week

he was paid £1. Now he earns

the craftsman's minimum of just over £100 for a 40 hour

week and, depending on the time of year, up to £20 a week

in overtime.
Oliver points out that earn-

farmers farm, since

farm vary considerably from

employees to bring their

Herbie Pitman began driving

per cent as an insult.

contemporary form worker.

Mar 1984

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others pay as little as possible.

Ironically a dry spring like this year, which makes it easy to get

machines on to the fields,

In the summer, paticularly at

harvest time, some men may

work 15 hours a day. But,

though the extra money is welcome, they get little time with their families.

in tied cottages, for which there

is a treoretical maximum rent of £1.50 a week, but which few

Harold has recently moved into

bother

Both Oliver and Herbie live

means less overtime working.

Police

Internal MoD

Cheerful farmworkers take 4.5% 'insult'

Mr Hodder: Against tied houses

and top civil servant

Chancellor's Budget details

group activities of official



Sarah Tisdall: Leaked cruise documents.

did not invoke the services of MI5 or the police with the ease and frequency of Mrs Thatcher. There is concern in Whitehall, too, that the public will confuse cases involving genuine national security, such as that of Mr Michael Bettaney, the MIS

officer who will be tried next month for alleged offences under section 1 of the Official Secrets Act (which deals with espionage) and that of Miss Miss Tisdall was convicted

The Franks report of 1972 recommended its replacement by a narrower, more precise

Almost certainly, most of the 41 permanent secretaries be-lieve the Government's position on open government is untenable, as it produces the worst of all worlds. However, none would favour a full-blooded freedom of information Act involving the courts.

But there is widespread support at the top of the Civil Service for a code of practice that would stipulate where confidentiality must be maintained and outline areas where openness is permissible.

Senior officials believe that under a more liberal information régime, there would be substantially less scope for leaking and greater respect for areas where Whitehall is justified in sustaining secrecy. But the Prime Minister is unmovable.

Security and confidentiality are a paramount interest of Mrs Thatcher, She is confident that pressure from backbench MPs as it seems. As prime ministers, under section 2 of the Act, the and organizations such as the catch-all which covers unauthorize several leak inquires, but he rized disclosures of all kinds.

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LEAK	DATE	PUBLICATION	INQUIRY	RESULT
Cabinet committee documents on privatization and need to "deprivilege" Civil Service	Nov 1979	S Times	MIS	Inconclusive
Cabinet committee information on strategic nuclear weapons policy	Dec 1979	Times	MIS	Inconclusive
Ministerial briefing paper on EEC	Sept 1980	Guardian	Thomas Bingham former Revenue official	Inconclusive, but relevant Cabinet committee closed down
Future defence spending	Oct 1980	Press Assoc	Police	Inconclusive, but chief MoD suspect moved to non-sen- sitive post
Pre-Budget leak of certain measures	Mar 1981	S Times	MI5	Inconclusive
Persistent leaks of defence review drafts	Mar-Apr 1981	Telegraph (main- ly)	Internal MoD	Several senior offic- ers warned
Michael Heseltine's "It took a riot" minute to the Prime Minister	Aug 1981	Times	Internal DoE	Inconclusive
Letter from Mr Denis Thatcher to Secretary of State for Wales	Sept 1981	Times	Internal Welsh Office	Inconclusive, al- though anonymous official confessed on television Mar 1984
Treasury long-term spending details	June 1982	Times	Internal Treasury	Inconclusive
Central Policy Review Staff options on long-term spending	Scpt 1982	Economist	MI5	Inconclusive. al- though Cabinet minister suspected
CPRS details on nationalized ndustry policy	Nov 1982	Times	MI5	Inconclusive
Family policy study group letails	Feb 1983	Guardian	MIS	Inconclusive
CPRS and Downing St Policy Unit documents on employ- nest policy	May 1983	Time Out	MIS :	Inconclusive
Cabinet Committee papers on welfare, privatization and union power	June 1983	Time Out	MIS	Inconclusive
Freasury papers on possible pending cuts	June 1983	Mr Peter Shore. Labour economic affairs spokes- man	Not known	Not known
Forecast of emergency £500m pending cuts by the Chancel- or. Nigel Lawson	July 1983 _.	Times	Internal Treasury	Inconclusive
Michael Heseltine minute on ruise missile deployment	Oct 1983	Guardian	Police	Miss Sarah Tisdali jailed for six months
MoD documents on inef- iciency and overspending on reapons procurement	Nov 1983	Observer	Police	In progress; official allegedly involved resigned

£8,000 for woman beaten up by police

Mrs Clementine George, aged 46, who was beaten by the police when they ransacked her home in a search for her son, was awarded £8,030 damages in the High Court in London

yesterday.
Mr Justice Clark said that £2,000 of the award was to mark the court's disapproval of the "outrageous" manner in which the police had carried out their search and for the way they had "concocted a false story" when they realized Mrs George might bring complaints

Seven police officers led by Detective Sergeant Ronald Fulcher went to Mrs George's flat at Hazel Grove, Sydenham, south-east London, in December, 1980, to arrest her son Roy. aged 21, on suspicion of having been involved in a stabbin

They got her out of bed to answer the door and did not believe her when she said her son was not there. But Sergeant Fulcher was "in no mood to be reasonable", the judge said, "He kicked the door, breaking the chain and with his squad

The judge accepted her evidence that they had repeat-edly struck her as she followed them around her home, pulled out chest drawers, opened cupboards and left her personal property strewn across the floor.

They had held her on a radiator and she received blows to the stomach, chest and arms. While she was on the floor she was kicked and left lying by a radiator in the hallway with a black eye and bruises over her

Both sides agreed that she was left lying by the radiator but the police denied the attack and said entry to the flat was lawful. They said she became hysterica and lay on the floor wailing and kicking her feet.

But the judge said he had no doubt her version was true. The police have deliberately lied to me. They realized some explanation would be necessary so they concocted a story that had to include reasonable justification for entering the

He dismissed a police claim that Mrs George had led them to believe her son was there. She made it plain to them that he was not, they had no evidence that he was and therefore no evidence to justify entry by force, the judge said.

After the hearing Mrs George said: "I have no malice towards the police. They have a hard job to do and I believe it was a oneoff incident. "I live on my own now and have six locks fitted to my door." Law Report, page 7

Two jailed on guns charge

David Davies, a chartered accountant, of Wimbledon, south London, and his business associate, John Silverton, of Earlsfield, south London, were each jailed for two years by the Central Criminal Court yester-day after being convicted of assult and importing guns and ammunition.

Silverton attacked a women in a dummy run for a ransom attempt, the court was told, but both men were cleared of conspiracy to kidnap and rob members of a wealthy family.

car, now a necessity in raral areas. "Up 'til 1955 or so, if

you saw a farmworker with a car, you'd think he'd robbed a

"In summer I never used to

be able to get to town", Harold

recalls, "because I never got home in time to catch a bus."

Now his nearest shop is four

Oliver is keen to dispel the

idea that farm workers are interested only in higher wages.

They are concerned about

issues such as straw-burning

and hedge removal and about

farms getting steadily bigger

But the bad image that

farmers have earned is not

always justified, he says. Owners of land generally tend

to look after it better than

None of the three sees

farmworkers' strike as likely in

the present climate. But Oliver

is seathing about the apathy of

those who survive on a diet of

bare breasts in The Sun and

Bingo, and who haven't got the

interest and intelligence to look

ally close man-to-man relations

between farmer and farm-wor-

ker have bitherto deterred

rebellion. But things might

change if farms become any

bigger and relationships less

Despite their grumbles, all

three men realize that their

security and way of life are

much envied, particularly at a

time of high unemployment. "If

a job is advertised, there are anything up to 190 applicants",

Oliver says.
"When there was a rumour

of a vacancy for a dairyman the

other day, there were appli-

cations from as far away as

Norfolk, And it was only a

Harold thinks that tradition-

tenants, he remarks.

Mr Ian Willmon

In progress

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a bungalow left to him by his father who died last May. Herbie thinks that tied

cottages are a disadvantage

because they provide a pretext

for not paying better wages. He would like to see them abol-

"Most of what you hear

about perks is rubbish", Harold insists. "I get firewood

free, if I cut it myself. But we

don't get free milk or potatoes

like they did in the old days

when there was more mixed

A big expense is running a

The women waved placards

Hawks". The Communist Party said that this was only an hors d'oeuvre of the unfriendly

accompanied by senior aides, said he was looking forward to "fruitful and useful cussions"

The three pupils suffered only minor injuries, and a crowd of about 3,000 students dispersed after dealing with the car. Highschools in Atteridgeville have been hit by periodic boycotts since the

beginning of the year. Students have protested against the Government's refusal to allow them to elect their own student councils, as well as against alleged excessive corporal punish-

down three pupils protesting against the closing of schools in the black township (AP reports). Cabinet nuclear report leak embarrasses Hawke

From Tony Dubondin, Melbourne

matched with developments in Details of a confidential other countries "should the Cabinet document which calls for Australia to make nuclear Government so decide", the document says.
"Independent of Australia's weapons in the event of neighbouring countries obtaining such weapons have been treaty commitments, we see no security advantage to Australia now in the acquisition of chemical or biological weapons.

High school students setting a car

on fire in Atteridgeville, near Pretoria,

vesterday after its driver knocked

published by the weekly news magazine The National Times. The federal government has not denied the authenticity of not denied the authenticity of the information, and has ordered federal police to investigate the leak.

Cultimear or biological weapons, weapons, however, that such weapons could be acquired relatively easily by unfriendly nations should they see advan-

The document, "Strategic Basis of Australian Defence Policy", says that Australia National Times claims, fully should be in a position to supported by the Government develop nuclear weapons as and accepted virtually without quickly as any neighbour that looks like doing so.

Developments relating to nuclear capability in countries within Australia's neighbourhood should be monitored in order to ensure that the lead time for Australia could be

on the question of the Anzus treaty with the United States, which has formed the cornerstone of Australian foreign policy for many years, the document says that the treaty is

not likely to be of much use in the event of a conflict with

Australian policy for some years has recognised that the threshold of direct US combat involvement could be quite high, and circumstances at the time could significantly limit US willingness or ability to help Australia in other ways", the document says.

It also urges Australia to encourage the Papua New

The document was, The Guinea Government to "suppress" West Irian rebels as a supported by the Government and accepted virtually without comment by the federal Cabinet means of reducing the potential Indonesian threat to Papua New Guinea.

Any attempt to counteract an idonesian attack across the Papua New Guinea border would be assisted by the cstablishment of an RAF lighter base on Cape York in the far north of Queensland.

Islam threat to Zia's birth control programme

From Hasan Akhtar Islamabad

A ruling by the government appointed Council of Islamic Ideology that artificial methods poses a serious threat to the Government's multi-million pound population planning

The Islamic Council's verdict is not binding on the Government, but its popular appeal cannot be minimized, particularly in the prevailing nood of return to orthodox

îslamiç life. The council had also caused a stir a few weeks earlier when it declared that adult Muslim if declared that adult Musum
men without beards were
committing a cardinal sin.
While the ruling on beards
has apparently been largely
ignored, the council's views on
family planning are likely to
have an adverse impact. though not more than 10 per cent of Pakistan's 90 million people of child-bearing age evi

practise any kind of birth That the martial law regime is acutely aware of the appeal of the council's verdict is borne out by the withdrawal of the Government press statement containing the council's report within an hour of its being

Department. The council had also declared the circulation of pictures of film or sports personalities as part of sales promotion campaigns by commercial firms to be an

unbecoming practice in Islam. The Islamic Council, while declaring artificial birth control to be unislamic, further stated that its introduction would lead to apostasy, obscenity, wide-spread degradation of sexual morality, scarcity of manpower for defence needs and econor development, and poor health for mothers and children.

At a recent seminar orga-nized by the United Nations Family Planning Association in Peshawar, Dr Mahbubul Haq. Pakistan's Planning Minister. warned that if the expected two million births during the current five-year plan were not reduced, the cost to Pakistan would be \$1,500m (£1,027m).

Women tell Reagan pledges backing Weinberger for Philippine poll 'Go home' From Keith Dalton, Manila

President Reagan, in appar-

"meddling" in Philippine poli-

tics, has assured President

In a personal letter to the 66-

year-old Filipino President, Mr

Reagan said he was confident

the elections could bring about

"democratic institutions appro-

But he was less sure about the

chances of Congress approving

in full the military aid package

promised to the Philippines

next year as part payment for

military bases here.
In his letter to Mr Marcos,

hand delivered on Thursday

night by the American Am-

bassador Mr Michael Armacost

Mr Reagan said that, while his

Administration would continue

to support the original \$900m

(£616m) compensation package

under the five-year military

priate to the Philippines".

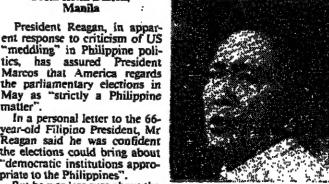
From Mario Modiano

A small crowd of Greek women pacifists waved banners with anti-American slogans and chanted "Caspar go home", as Mr Caspar Weinberger, the United States Defence Secretary, arrived in Athens yesterday for talks with the Greek leaders.

The women turned up outside the VIP lounge of Athens airport, some bringing their children, in response to a call by the pro-Soviet Communist Party of Greece, which is evidently disturbed by the recent spate of visits by top American and Nato officials.

demanding that Greece get "out of Nato", and saying "No to the bases of death". As the official processor drove off, they shouted: "No to the American

manifestations Mr Weinberger, who



President Marcos: Assured of US impartiality.

Asia and Pacific affairs recently voted a \$60m cut in next year's military aid and transferred it to the economic assistance fund, boosting this aid package to \$155m. Speculation that the amended

aid package might pass the full House vote could explain Mr Reagan's admission that he may be unable to restore military assistance to its original level. bases agreement signed last year, "I want to be candid and The Marcos Government has

accused the Reagan Administell you that for now the tration of abrogating the bases outcome is uncertain". outcome is uncertain".

The US House of Representing agreement, and has warned that it might be forced to review the tatives sub-committee on East entire agreement.

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Minister warns cyclists of dangers

Commons

Over the past decade the number of cyclists had increased annually, reversing the steady decline in the years before 1974, Mr Ceeil Franks (Barrow and Furness. C) said on moving in the Commons the second reading of the Cycle Tracks Bill. As the number had increased so had the number had increased so had the number of cycling accidents. Cyclists were vulnerable in traffic. One way of helping them was to provide separate cycle tracks either

alongside or away from roads. This Bill addressed itself to the provision and protection of such tracks. The most appropriate way of improving conditions for cyclisis was on the carriageway itself. Failing that, specific alternative provision for cyclists should be considered. Shared pedestrian-cycle

use should primarily be a cycle safety measure of last resort.

The Bill would make a useful and valuable contribution to ensuring the safety of cyclists while ensuring that the interests of others were protected. Mr Gerald Bermingham (St Helens

South, Lab) said it had long been the hope of many that with the move towards a more leisured society the beyele would come back into its own. If the use of bicycles was to be encouraged in the way suggested by this Bill it was necessary at the same time to encourage and extend

training for young cyclists.
Mr Harry Greenway (Ealing North. Said as one who cycled regularly about London and as a member of the all-party cycling group, he was often alarmed at the lack of room motorists gave to cyclists, and juggernauts were an absolute terror

For safety the road had to be kept free from pot holes and the GLC had signally failed to do this with London's roads. Cycling safety should be taught at an early stage. Children should not be allowed to cycle to school until they had passed cycling proficiency test.

It was good to see row upon row of cycles at Westminster. It showed MPs realized the value of exercise and fresh air.
Mr Gregory Knight (Derby

North, C) said he welcomed the Bill as cycling was growing in popularity and it was only right to have proper provisions to cater for it. The procedure for converting footpaths into cycle tracks was tortuous and complex for local authorities, so be welcomed the proposal for them to be able to make the conversion in

one step. The measure was overdue.

Mr Peter Bottomiey (Eitham, C)
said reducing the bureaucracy
involved in changing footpaths to
cycle tracks would encourage local
authorities to press ahead. The police should pay more attention to Ayeles travelling without lights.

Air Colin Moythan (Lewisham East, C) said 30 per cent of

households now had a cycle. It was an efficient and cheap method of recreation. It was healthy and enjoyable, quiet and did not pollute the atmosphere. The simplification of the procedure to convert footpaths into cycle tracks would ncourage cycling as a whole.

Mrs Lyada Chalker, Minister of

State for Transport, said as a cycle-

friendly minister she welcomed the There was no suggestion that there would be shared use of pavements.

The Government had encourage local authorities to provide facilities for cyclists and had been considering their needs in relation to trunk road proposals. Currently there had been about 226 miles converted to

Two routes in Canterbury and Stockton would soon be implenented. These would be monitored by the Road Research Laboratory

and give valuable information for the future. I very much regret (she added) seeing night after night cyclists without properly functioning back and front lights. They do themselves

no benefit and put themselves and others in great danger.

Some 300,000 youngsters a year took the national cycling proficiency scheme and parents had a responsi-

bility to make sure their children's cycles were in good order. She was about to finalize advice which would be going out to local authorities in the form of a local transport note on cycle tracks. This advice would stress that shared use was to be an exceptional measur and that segregation by barrier or kerb was best. Occasionally cyclists' enthusiasm

overcame them and they did some pretty crazy things. Travelling about central London on Wednesday she was able to see things she hated seeing cyclists do, like weaving in and out of other vehicles. At times they almost mounted the pavement to cross junctions in order to avoid adhering to the rules of the road and obeying traffic lights.

If only exclusis would behave with more common sense and obey the rules of the road there would be fewer frustrated motorists who tended to try to ease cyclists out. The Bill was read a second time.

The Juries (Disqualification) Bill which disqualifies from juries certain people convicted of criminal reading in the Commons. Last Friday after several hours of debate the Bill's sponsors failed to carry the closure motion. Today after a short dehate, the voting for the third reading was 24 in layour and none against, but the Bill fell as fewer han 40. the Commons quorun

• The Trade Marks (Amendment) Bill and the Agriculture (Amendment) Bill were both read the third

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D'Aubuisson the statesman accepts defeat and denounces death squads

Major Roberto D'Aubuisson has put the results of Sunday's presidential elections in El Salvador beyond argument by conceding that his main politi-cal rival. Senor Jose Napo-icon Duarte, beat him to first

The fervently anti-commu-nist major, not celebrated for his decorous behaviour, took everyone by surprise at a press conference on Thursday by congratulating Senor Duarte on "a magnificent campaign" and "a good result".

A vote count carried out by Major D'Aubuisson's National-ist Republican Alliance (Arena) party tallies roughly with that of Senor Duarte's Christian Democrats. Agreement now appears to be general that Señor Duarte picked up about 45 per cent of the vote and Major D'Aubuisson about 30 per cent.

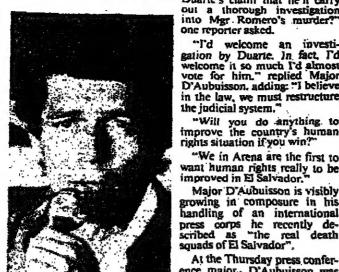
The scene is therefore set for a run-off election between the two, either on April 29 or May

The major revealed his sure populist touch at the news conference when he called for the multi-million dollar, American-inspired electoral system innovated for these elections to be scrapped in the second round. This demand will find an echo among those tens of thousands of Salvadoreans trustrated in their desire to vote during Sunday's chaotic poll.

But it was not so much D'Aubuisson the populist leader who was in evidence on Thursday as D'Aubuisson "the pathological killer" - în a

polished statesman. The major, as he is known, is clearly being well-groomed for the presidency.
In two packed news confer-

ences during the past week he has deflected with consummate skill, with scornful case even,



Major D'Aubuisson: Skil-

the attempts of cager reporters to provoke an unguarded quote on his much-publicized in-volvement with El Salvador's death squads, and his alleged link with the assassination of Archbishop Oscar Romero in

"Major, what do you think of Duarte's claim that he'll carry out a thorough investigation into Mgr Romero's murder?" one reporter asked.

"I'd welcome an investi-gation by Duarte. In fact, I'd welcome it so much I'd almost vote for him." replied Major D'Aubuisson, adding: "I believe

"Will you do anything to improve the country's human rights situation if you win?" "We in Arena are the first to

want human rights really to be improved in El Salvador." Major D'Aubuisson is visibly growing in composure in his handling of an international press corps he recently described as "the real death squads of El Salvador".

At the Thursday press confer-ence major D'Aubuisson was asked what he thought about a threat by a death squad against the manifestly incompetent Central Electoral Council, which is still counting the votes

of Sunday's election.

"It's atrocious. These people (the death squad) don't understand just how much damage they are causing our country

Chernenko hits at American terrorism

From Richard Owen Moscow

Diplomats said yesterday that Mr Konstantin Chernenko's latest remarks showed the Kremlin had little or no hope of a rapprochement with the Reagan Administration before the November presidential elections.

The Soviet party leader's sharp criticism of the United States follows a month of bitter Soviet attacks on American policy in southern Africa, Central America and the Middle East.

In a speech in honour of Colonel Mengistu Haile Mariam. the Ethiopian leader, Mr Chernenko scorned
Washington's posture as
"champion of peace" and
accused the United States of ignoring Soviet proposals on nuclear arms reductions. He said American actions in Nicaragua graphically demon-strated Washington's "state

terrorism". The recent focus of Soviet anger, however, has been sword. (In Massachusetts they southern Africa, where Moscow did Mr Mondale more harm believes Pretoria is "posing as a than good.) In addition the 3.5 champion of peace" American pressure.

Colonel Mengistu - despite cent reports of a rift with Moscow - is one of Russia's closest allies in Africa, and is currently chairman of the Organization of African Unity

Tass said his talks with Mr Chernenko on Thursday and with Mr Andrei Gromyko, the with Mr Andrei Gromyko, the Foreign Minister, and Marshal Dmitry Ustinov, the Defence Minister, yesterday, had been warm and friendly.

The photograph on the front page of *Prarda* suggested that in foreign affairs at least Mr

Chernenko is first among equals rather than in sole charge. It gave equal prominence to Marshal Ustinov, Mr Gromyko. Mr Chernenko and Mr Geidar Aliyev. The late Mr Yuri Andropov used to receive foreign leaders alone.

In his Kremlin speech Mr Chernenko promised continued Soviet aid to Angola and

Mozambique, Colonel Mengistu replied by praising Soviet aid to Africa and said the OAU had only been saved from disintegration by



Exodus of Miskitos explained

Coinciding with increasingly supporters of the overthrown severe rebel attacks against the Sandinista Government, and with appeals from Managua for help from the international community, an official Nicaraguan delegation was in Lon-don this week to explain the refugee problem on the remote Atlantic coast.

Program

The region, which accounts for more than half of Nicaragua's territory but only a tiny percentage of its population, has heen drawn into the war being waged by the contras from neighbouring Honduras and Costa Rica.

The traditionally neglected and disaffected Miskito Indians

US admits

flights over

Salvador

Somoza regime, and more than 20,000 Nicaraguan Miskitos have taken refuge in neighbour-ing countries, where they live in camps under the supervision of the United Nations High Commission for Refugees.

The solution to the refugee problem has become one of the elements in the Contadora group's efforts to promote a regional settlement in Central

The Sandinistas lay most of the blame for the Miskito exodus on skilful manipulation The traditionally neglected by the contras of the Indians' log-cuttin and disaffected Miskito Indians historic grievances, and mishave provided fertile ground for trust of the central government language.

in Managua, whatever its political complexion.

But the Sandinistas' two ministers responsible for the Atlantic coast, Comandante William Rairez and Comandante Lumberto Campbell, cheerfully recognized yesterday that the present Government's mistakes have contributed to

A Miskito representative, Señorita Hazel Law, explained that the Sandinistas had failed to understand such things as the Miskitos long-standing claim to log-cutting rights and their desire for schooling in their own

worries Indians

From Christopher Thomas Acute anxiety is being The United States has confirmed that "for some time" it has conducted reconnaissance llights over El Salvador to provide the embattled army with almost instant intelligence on the movement of anti-

government guerrillas. It is first time the Americans have conceded any involvement in the four-year civil war beyond the provision of mili-tary aid and training of Salvadorean troops. The aircraft are believed to operate out

Mr Thomas Pickering, US Ambassador to El Salvador, said in Washington that reconnaissance flights connected with the Salvadorean presidential election would continue at, least until the run-off election, expected to be held in early

He added that the missions did not represent any expansion of the US role in the war. These kind of things have been part of the scene in El Salvador for some time".

New of the reconnaissance missions came as the Senate debated President Reagan's request for an immediate \$62m (£42m) in emergency military aid to El Salvador.

A formal vote is expected on the floor of the senate next week. Senator Edward Kennedy. who is heading the rigorous opposition, said: "We are being led into a war."

Sri Lanka violence

expressed in India over reports renewed violence in Sri Lanka. According to reports reaching here from the north of the island, as many as 30 people have been killed and at least 25 are in hospital following indiscriminate firing by security forces in two places. The firing followed a Tamil

terrorist attack on a group of Air Force personnel in Channakam in the northern province. The airmen immediately opened fire on a crowd in the street, and later drove through another town near by, Mallakam, where they opened fire again. Children, and pregnant woman, were said to be among

Arsonists - reported by the news agency United News of India to be more Air Force troops - set fire to seven shops in Apchavelly, 10 miles from Jaffna. And in the northern-most habitation in the island, Pedro Point, the Sri Lankan authorities have raided a number of homes and arrested 40 people with suspected ties to the Tamil terrorists.

The Indian Government in a official statement deplored the violence in Sri Lanka and urged all sides to continue the political process of dialogue and consultation. The statement was badly

received in Colombo where the Sri Lankan Foreign Minstry accused the Indians of reacting one-sidedly and neglecting to condemn terrorist violence. Yesterday, however, the

that the statement had con-demned all violence, and added that the High Commissioner would be speaking to the Sri Lankan authorities "appropri-

A member of Mrs Indira Gandhi's own party asked her Government immediately to despatch Navy and Air Force personnel to Sri Lanka to protect the Tamil minority. An Opposition MP accused the Government of "dilly-dallying"

The Indian public has also been perturbed by what appears to them to be a renewed effort by the Sri Lankan Government to bear down hard

on the Tamil population.

A new Ministry has been set up with the title Ministry of National Security, charged with rooting out Tamil extremism, under Oxford-educaed Mr Lalith Athulathumudali. Military rule is to be imposed on the Jaffna district from tommorow and the Tamil administrator of Jaffna has been replaced by a Sinhalese.

The Bombay English-language newspaper, The Times of India, said yesterday that these measures, together with the Government's suspension of May "have further encouraged the security forces to believing that for all practical purposes interested in redressing the numerous and legitimate grievances of the Tamils but only in

Mondale favoured in crucial primary.

General's farewell: General Gunter Kiessling takes leave of Nato officers at Casteau, Belgium, after a farewell ceremony to mark his retirement as Deputy Supreme Allied Commander, Europe. He was rehabilitated after dismissal because of allegations that he frequented homosexual bars.

New York may fool experts

New York

If endorsements alone won presidential primaries then Mr Walter Mondale would walk away with New York on Tuesday. Virtually every politician and

organization of note has come out for him. Mr Mario Cuomo. the state's popular and influential Governor, is his campaign chairman. New York's Mayor Mr Ed Koch, has come out for Mr Mondale as has the state's best known Irishman, Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, as well as prominent black and Hispanic congressmen.

In this heavily unionized state, where workers tradition-ally follow the dictates of their bosses, the AFL-CIO has staked its prestige on delivering a resounding victory for the former Vice-President.
Publications as diverse as the

Village Voice, the Jewish Press and the New York Post have urged their readers to vote for

Yet the results of earlier primary contests this year have shown that political endorse-ments can be a two-edged



bucking the authority of their

In 1980, they voted for Senator Edward Kennedy against President Carter in deliance of the whole party apparatus. And in 1982 they voted for Cuomo as Governor instead of Koch, the choice of the party establishment. The New York primary has

become the pivotal event of the 1984 campaign. With 285 delegates at stake, New York will be sending the second largest delegation to the Democratic party's nominating convention in San Francisco this summer. Both Mr Mondale and his chief rival, Senator Gary Hart, badly need a victory on

"Political endorsements count for very little in presiden-tial primaries." said Mr Mark Siegel, a local assemblyman and early Hart supporter, "particuvolunteers which has come forward to work for us." To demonstrate his point Mr Siegel takes visiting journalists on a tour around the newly-opened Hart headquarters in

The place is buzzing with campaign workers, most of them young answering phones, cyclostyling leaflets, answering phones. The Mondale headquarters in the next-door building is tomb-like by com-

parison. The polls, the pundits and the conventional wisdom (all of which have been proved badly wrong this year) are predicting a clear victory for Mr Mondale. The former Vice-President is

believed to have a 2-1 lead among Jews, who comprise almost one third of Democratic voters in New York, although Senator Hart's lavisbly pro-israel speech of a week ago may have won him some converts. Mr Mondale is also believed

to be leading among trade union members and the elderly. Mondale aides believe he will pick up some black support, but the Rev Jesse Jackson, the third candidate in the race, is expected to win most of the 400,000 black votes.

Crosses appeal by Polish bishops

From Our Corresponden Warsaw

Poland's Catholic bishops refusing to accept the Commu-nist authorities' ban on displaying religious symbols in public buildings, have asked that crosses taken down from class-room walls be allowed to

remain.

In a pastoral letter to be read from all pulpits in the country on Sunday, the bishops emphasize the meaning that the cross has traditionally had in Polish culture and history. According to Church sources, the letter insists that crosses be permitted in educational institutions since the overwhelming majority of the overwhelming majority of Polish children come from Catholic homes.
The bishops also make

reference to the Pope's recent statement that in Polish life all available means should be used to return the cross to its proper

The bishops, who ended a two-day meeting in Warsaw on Thursday, issued a final communique which was milder than the pastoral letter in its references to the issue. They praised "the sacrificial and long-lasting defence of the cross carried out by its supporters. both grown-up and young".

Poland's officially atheistic
Government has made it a

matter of principle to uphold the separation of Church and state. The Government spokesman, Mr Jerzy Urban, said the authorities were not sceking "a war of crosses" with the Church, but were determined to remove all religious symbols from state schools, blaming fanatic believers and priests
advocating "militant chericalism" for inciting protests.
Meanwhile, an impasse was
reported in attempts to settle
the dispute which began three
weeks ago when students staged

a sit-in at the Stanislaw Staszic agricultural training school in Mictne. about 40 miles southeast of Warsaw, to protest against the removal of crosses from their classrooms.

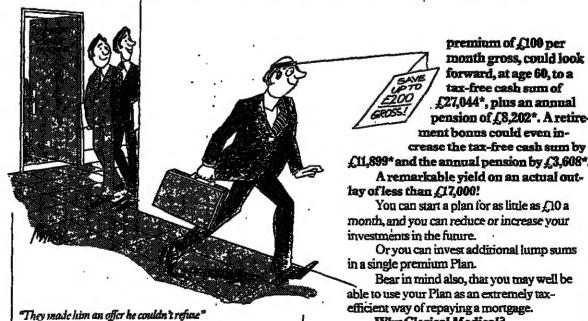
After classes were suspended the school reopened on Tuesday without the crosses, but only about 50-70 of the 600-plus students were said to

attending classes.

Hundreds of young people from the region gathered yesterday afternoon for a Mass in Garwolin, celebrated by Bishop Jan Mazur, who has limited his daily meal to bread and water since Tuesday, pledging to continue his fast as long as the crosses dispute in his diocese remains unresolved.

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Rising tension in Punjab Sikh militants prepare week of protests

From Michael Hamlyn Amritsar

Tension in the strife-torn state of Punjab is rising this week as both sides prepare for a week-long series of demon-strations in support of the Sikh

The leaders of the Sikh political party, the Akali Dal, under the direction of its president. Sant Harchand Singh Longowal, are proposing to fill the jails of the state with peacefully protesting demonstrators.

On the first day, next Monday, the organizers are proposing that 25,000 people should court arrest all over the state. A further 25,000 will offer themselves during the rest of

At the same time, however the extremist wings of the Sikh community have been making plans for stepping up their protests. The All-India Sikh

Moderate killed A moderate Sikh leader who spoke out against the burning of the constitution by demon-strators at the Delhi Sikh temple was coolly assassinated

in a Delhi street by gunmen who walked over to his car and pumped 10 bullets into him. Four members of a family-were shot dead near the Golden Temple by a gang of seven or eight killers who burst into the house of Mr Rachpal Singh Bedi, a former associate of the founder of Akali Dal, Master

Students' Federation, which was officially banned by the central Government last week. has made plans to circumvent its banning, and is reported to have proposed an increase in militant activities.

In the Golden Temple of Amritsar where he shelters, Mr Harminder Singh Sandhu, the general secretary of the AISSR, a revolver at his hip and a bandolier of ammunition around his shoulder, explained to me that the federation would

continue despite the ban, it would organize teams within Sikh temples - known as Gurdwaras or dwellings of the Guru - all round the state and outside. "Three thousand new recruits have come forward since the announcement of the

Meanwhile, across town, the Amnitsar chief of police Mr Ajaipal Singh Mann, insisted that he did not need an further reinforcements to deal with the expected troubles. With his desk surrounded by officers form the paramilitary Central Police Reserve Force, he said he would be redeploying those forces at track shortly before two express his disposal.

deal with more than 5,000 demonstrators courting arrest in the centre of the old town

But he acknowledged that dealing with terrorists was a more difficult proposition. "I draw a parallel with Britain", he said "in 12 years they have not managed to eliminate terrorism from Northern Ireland.
The terrorists have the

sympathy of the people. If they did not we would not be in this position. We are simply not getting information. We get no cooperation from the people,"
Two further terrorist outrages

were reported in Punjab on Sunday. A chief prosecution witness in a case concerning the killing of some policemen was assassinated as he lay in bed in his courtyard, and the police continued to search for the men who blew up a stretch of railway trains passed over it.

Husain holds out hope of peace breakthrough if Labour wins in Israel

From Christopher Walker, Agaba

With the Israeli general election less than five months away, King Husain yesterday made some remarkably conciliatory remarks about the possibility of a victory for the current front-runner, the opposition Labour Party, whose leader, Mr Shimon Peres, this week said he was prepared to negotiate for peace outside the parameters of the Camp David process.

The King's statement, de-livered to British correspondents at the end of the Queen's live-day visit, was seen in diplomatic circles as raising the possibility of improved chances of breaking the dangerous Middle East deadlock if Labour succeeds in defeating the rightwing Likud coalition,

At the same time, it was noted that the tenor of the King's comments could have potentially damaging consequences for Labour in the forthcoming campaign, by exposing it to charges from Likud leaders of being soft on the issue of the West Bank, which is expected to be a key issue, along with Lebanon and

the economy.

I am very interested in a phenomenon we see that Labour now appears to be more responsible in terms of its unnounced positions so far", the King said. "And for a party in opposition to adopt such an still appears to present an attitude is very interesting to

"If as a result Labour comes

An agreement between war, Labour and King Husain to Sp

Rivals give

Peres a

third chance

From Moshe Brilliant,

Mr Shimon Peres, the twice-

defeated Labour party candi-

date for Prime Minister, was

offered a third chance yesterday

when his two rivals for the party

nomination dropped out of the

Mr Yitzhak Navon, the tormer President, and Mr Yitzhak Rabin, the former

Prime Minister, announced that

they had yielded to a feeling in

the party leadership that a

contest at this time would be divisive and hurt Labour's

chance in the elections, sched-

rivals, and Mr Navon in particular, enjoyed greater

led the party in 1977 and 1981,

above politics during his five-year period as President, and took a year's cooling-off period

after he stepped down, said he

had been persuaded to stand by

friends, who had said the party

would have better prospects

it transpired that he could not

get the nomination without a

contest, he said. Mr Rabin later .

said that he, too, was dropping

He decided not to stand when

Mr Navon, who remained

pularity than Mr Peres.

Polls had shown that both his

uled for July 23.



King Husain: Surprisingly moderate statement.

problem. It could lead to the resuscitation of a modified version of the moribund Reagan peace plan if the King could succeed in securing backing for his move from the moderate Arab states and the loyalist faction of the PLO led by Mr Yassir Arafat

The moderation of the King's remarks took Middle East correspondents by surprise. In recent years, he has frequently dismissed Labour's so-called "Jordanian option" of trading large chunks of West Bank territory for peace as being of no great significance in distinguishing its overall attitude from that of Likud.

insurmountable obstacle to a peace agreement. Labour, like Likud, flatly refuses to contemto power then maybe there is a change that is a healthy one in Israel itself."

Likud, hady refuses to coment-plate any negotiation over the eastern part of the Holy City annexed soon after the 1967

sources said the warring fac-

quarters between the Muslim

and Christian sectors of the

Lebanese capital. They went to

the port of Beirut from where

they are to depart today.
Six shells fell in Beirut's old

port in the afternoon, but no

sounds of the explosion, heard

The Christian Voice of

Lebanon radio station also reported that several Lebanese

Army soldiers were injured

when their armoured personnel

carrier was attacked by Druze

gunners as it was carrying lunch

to the Army garrison at the mountain town of Souk al-

Sources in the Government

said the representatives of the

Christian, Shia Muslim and

Druze militias on the new "Higher Security-Political

warring militias.

minutes to leave their head- to gunfire.

commercial district near the officers.

developing over

No-man's-land fixed

as French pull out

French troops left the Beirut Committee agreed to the disen-

"green line" in the hands of gagement plan at a meeting late truce observers and Lebanese on Thursday night with Presi-

tions had agreed on a disengage- for militia forces on each side of

ment zone along the line the "green line" to pull back dividing east and west Beirut.

It took the French just 12 of exchanges of curses leading

clearly in the city centre, foreign army for the first time tempered a cautious hopeful-since 1976, when Syria sent its

the reports of agreement by the civil war. The Syrians were

police yesterday as Government dent Amin Gemayel.

for an agreement with Israel could be summed up under the slogan "total withdrawal for

But he spoke grimly of the immediate prospects for peace in the region, reminding journalists of the difficulties posed by the continuing Gulf War between Iran and his close

Although the King repeated his earlier strong criticism of the US Government because of the strength of its Israeli ties, which he again said had cancelled America's chances of being a regional mediator, he went out of his way to temper what had previously been interpreted as personal criticism of President

Reagan. The Jordanian monarch emphasized that the US leader was a personal friend, and described him as "a man of courage and of vision". His determination to clear up any misinterpretation of his earlier attacks on the United States was seen as hinting that perhaps the King had not abandoned all hopes of US involvement in the

peace process.

The King said that Britain and other EEC countries could now play a greater part in trying to break the Middle East stalemate, if only by informing the world accurately about the facts, such as the situation in the occupied West Bank.

Jordan's policy he said, was now based on two central planks: the continuation of the renewed dialogue with the PLO. decisions taken by majority Labour and King Husain to Speaking on the patio of his come to the negotiating table would be central to finding a solution to the Palestinian King made clear that his terms rather than concensus, which would eliminate the wrecking power of radicals such as Libya and Syria.

The disengagement plan calls

of exchanges of curses leading

French truce observers carrying

unloaded pistols took up the

"green line" positions left by the French. The French ob-

servers are Marine Commando

replaced by the invading Israeli Army in 1982, and they were replaced in turn by the French,

British American and Italian

peacekeeping force, the last remnant of which is now

departing.

DAMASCUS: Mr Robert

Gallagher, the Director of the

United Nations Relief and

Works Agency for Palestinian refugees, said he had been

ordered out of Syria (Reuter

reports). He gave no reason and

there was no immediate com

Lebanese police and 40



Swan song: A French soldier with the multinational force in Lebanon whiling away the last few minutes before boarding ship in Beirut harbour.

EEC not going broke after all

perfectly properly and in the

interest of good housekeeping.

At that time the Commission

was expecting that it would

have to make payments by the

end of this month totalling

about £733m to Britain and

West Germany as rebates for

The European Commission has backed away from a head-on clash with Britain over a demand for early payment of a £100m contribution to the EEC. After the British Government made plain on Wednesday that it would not hand the money over yesterday as ordered to, the Commission "discovered" it did not really need it yet

anyway.
The Commission's move away from confrontation means that at this very sensitive time in Britain's relations with the rest of the EEC there is no additional complicating factor in the form of a European Court case against Britain for failure to comply with an order.

At the same time it indicates lack of firmness by the Commission at the precise moment when it has been asked to show imagination in drawing up a set of proposals to lead the Community out of deadlock. The view in Brussels is that the Commission should have had enough foresight to withdraw its demand for the money before The departure of the French the British Government could injuries were reported. The will mean that the Lebanese announce that it would refuse to capital will not be occupied by a pay it

Financial

gun aimed

at ministers

From Ian Murray Brussels

EEC agriculture ministers

resumed their weary nego-

tiations in Brussels yesterday

afternoon with a financial gun pointed at their heads. If they fail to reach agreement by tomorrow their indecision will

start costing the Community

That is money which the cash-starved Community can ill afford at the moment. There

was hope in Commission circles

yesterday that the stark econ-

omic facts might force the ministers to take initiatives and

make compromises which would at last break the

The most difficielt issue remained Ireland's insistence that it must be allowed to

increase its milk production,

even though everyone else was being required to cut back. The Irish demand has run into

tremendous opposition, particu-larly from the Netherlands and

Bokassa robbed

Versailles (AFP) - Intruders

some £6m a day.

deadlock.

Money of that sort was beyond the Commission's normal means, so it planned ahead by asking all member states to pay over by March 30 their agricultural levies and customs duties, due on April 20. The failure at the summit and

subsequently at last Tuesday's foreign council, however, meant that France and Italy refused to lift their block on payment of the rebates. In consequence, the Commission did not have to have the extra money available, but it did not immediately withdraw its demand for the

On Wednesday, Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, told Parliament about the failure at the Council. While ruling out any decision at that stage on withholding contri-

for this week would not be transferred to Brussels ahead of

Mr Gaston Thorn, the Commission's president, commented that this move would sour relationships. When asked if Britain was to be taken before the European Court he told journalists that the Commission would have to consider what action to take.

On Thursday afternoon, after studying the figures, the Commission suddenly discovered that it would not need the money to be paid early, after all. It did reserve the right to make an extra demand if the finances deteriorated, but for the moment it was notifying all states that-they did not need to send through their transfer

The Community always lives from hand-to-mouth and the Commission admitted yesterday that it was doing "gymhas-tics" with its cash in order to meet its commitments. At the same time, it was now confident that it could cover its legal butions to the Community, he obligations for the present The demand for the money said the early payment called without the carly payment,

Outcry over Paris police shake-up

The long-simmering discontent among the police has been highlighted by the French Government decision to replace three senior officers in the Paris police force because of aleged "indiscretions," and to close the press room in the headquarters of the Paris Crime Squad. Both decisions have provoked a public outery.

The removal of M Jacques Genthial, the highly respected and successful head of the Crime Squad, who was appointed by the Government only two years ago, has caused particularly vigorous protests both from within the Crime Squad itself and, exceptionally, from eight Parisian criminal court judges. It is rare for the judiciary to give public support to a policeman in that way.

The Government has never fully explained its reasons for M Genthial's transfer to a much less sensitive and exposed post involved in modernizing the police force. It will only say that there were far too many "leaks" from the police appearing in the press, without explaining how M Genthial himself was involved.

Various theories have been put forward as to why M Genthial fell out of favour with the Govenment, and all seem to lead back to the Elysée alace and President Mitterrand, where control of the police is now believed effectively to lie.

It is said that the Elysée did Hostages safe not appreciate M Genthial's role in bringing to light the "irregularities" committed by the GIGN, the Elysée-favoured elite, anti-terrorist squad within the gendarmerie, over the arrest in September 1982 of three alleged Irish terrorists.

It is said that he had too close contacts with a writer by the name of Jean-Edern Hallier, who claims to have written a book (as yet unpublished) on the secrets of President Mitterrand's private life. M Hallies himself claims that M Genthial warned him that the Government were probably tapping his

It is also suggested that M Genthial discovered embarrassing links between an alleged left-wing terrorist, named Jean-Louis Baudet, and the Elysée. But none of these theories has been conclusively proved.

News of M Genthial's replacement and the closure of the Press room in the Crime Squad's beadquarters came shortly after the publication last week of a confidential report by M Guy Fougier, Chief of the Paris police, in which he complained that the police could no longer effectively carry out their duties in the capital because of an acute shortage of personnel.

Fougier's comp were, of course, manna from heaven for the Opposition which has made the deterio-ration of law and order one of its main vote-catching themes.

The Government says that it

has increased the number of police by 8,841 officers since coming to power in 1981, which compares with an increase of only 5,340 over the previous five-year period. However, another leaked document from the Minister for Public Security shows that that increase "barely compensates" for the reduction in the working week introduced under the Socialists.

Submarine skipper held after loss of trawler

Copenhagen (Reut) - Three fishermen were drowned when their trawler sank after an accident with a German-built submarine off Jutland. Police said they were questioning the

captain of the submarine.

The trawler, the Ane Katrine. was fishing for lobster when the accident occurred in the Skagerrak between Denmark and Norway. Police suspect that the submarine, the Simpson, built recently for Chile and undergoing sea trials, may have become tangled in the nets of the trawler and dragged it down.

An official inquiry has been

Funeral tribute to Sekou Toure

Conakry (AFP) - Some 50,000 Guineans paid homage yesterday to the late President Ahmed Sekou Toure as he was buried with full ceremony here. They started to gather at dawn in the September 28 stadium and there were scenes of hysteria as the coffin, draped in the green, yellow and red national flag arrived on a gun

carriage. Heads of state from all over Africa were present for the stadium enluogy and burial at the national mausoleum. Vice-President George Bush of the Inited States and M Pierre Mauroy, the French Prime Minister were among mourners.

Lisbon (Reuter) - Seventyfive British. Portuguese and Filipino hostages, captured in a guerrilla raid in Angola have arrived safely at a Unita base month, according to a Unita source here.

Poison found

The Hague (AFP) - Dutch trawlers have recovered 12 of the 80 barrels of highly toxic herbicide lost by a Danish ship during a storm in the North Sea in January.

Nurse guilty

Riverside, California (Reuter) -Robert Diaz, a male nurse who claimed to possess psychic healing powers, was convicted of murdering 12 elderly patients by giving them overdoses of a heart drug. He could be senienced to die in the gas

New Premier

Dhaka (AFP) - President Hussain Mohammed Ershad of Bangladesh has named Ataur Rahman Khan, aged 79, as his Prime Minister.

Express delivery

Tacoma, Washington (A 23-year-old women who thought her weight gain was due to giving up smoking and her labour pains were indigestion gave birth suddenly in her livingroom to a 7lb daughter. Her husband had a vasectomy two years ago.

Threat to town

Hilo, Hawaii (Router) - A state of emergency was declared here as the flow of burning lava from the Mauna Loa volcano moved to within five miles of its outskirts. Residents are ready for evacuation.

Workers seized in Lisbon protest at pay arrears

From Martha de la Cal, Lisbon

workers have been arrested and taken to police headquarters for identification this week for gathering in front of the official Lisbon residence of Dr Mario Soares, the Prime Minister. The arrested men. union

representatives, were demand-

ing an audience with the Prime Minister to discuss the plight of over 150.0(x) workers who are owed several months' salaries. The arrests were made on the ground that the men were holding unauthorized demonstrations and were gathered within 100 yards of the Prime Minister's residence, an act prohibited by law. The union officials claim they were not holding a demonstration, but estimated at £120m.

Two hundred and twenty simply gathering in small orkers have been arrested and groups to petition the Printe tken to police headquarters for Minister.

The arrested men are members of unions which belong to the Communist-led CGTP labour federation. The Government claims, however, that the meetings form part of an organized plan to harass the Government.

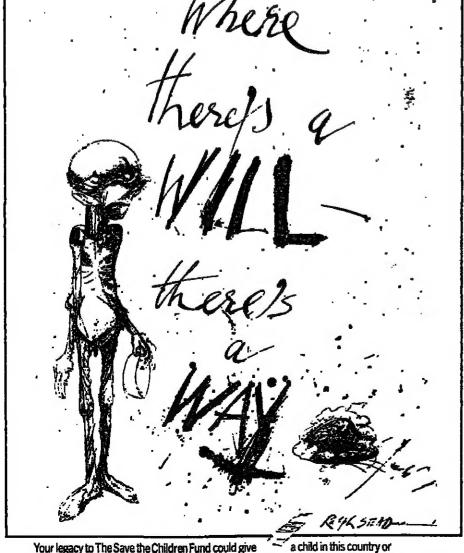
However, the workers do have a legitimate complaint. Many of the 150,000 have not been paid for a year, and their families are suffering genuine hardships as prices are rocket-Some 457 companies owe

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hack-wages to their workers. The total amount owed is



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entered two chateaux belonging to the former Central African Emperor Jean-Bedel Bokassa, and got away with documents. Mr Bokassa was asleep upstairs.

Patriarch's plea to **Pope for Antonov** The Bulgarians have played Patriarch Mahim is published in the Bulgarian weekly Church News. The Patriarch expresses

what is likely to be their last card in efforts to disassociate their country from the attempt to murder the Pope by publishing an appeal addressed to the Pope himself by the Patriarch Mahim of the Bulgarian Ortho-dox Church, calling for the release of Mr Sergei Antonov.

Mr Antonov has been cus-10dy here since November, 1982, on suspicion of having been involved in the plot against the Pope's life in May the previous year.

He was accused as an accomplice by Mehamet Ali Agea, the Turkish terrorist who seriously wounded the Pope in St Peter's Square during the May 13 public audience.

Mr Antonov and the Bulga-

rian authorities have always proclaimed his complete innocence. He was employed in Rome by the Balkan Airline.
Agea also accused two other Bulgarians who had, however, already left the country. Mr Antonov remained in

Rome for more than a year after the unsuccessful attempt on the Pope's life. He was then arrested and last Christmas he was freed from prison on grounds of ill-health and held under house arrest. Last month a court ordered his return to

The appeal on his behalf by

Pope's "extremely authoritative would be able to contribute to the "triumph of It is somewhat ironic that the Patriarch is known in Rome as perhaps the most anti-Catholic of the leaders of the Eastern

his conviction that Mr Antonov

is innocent and says that the

Orthodox churches.

There seems little chance that his appeal will be considered. The Italian judicial investigation is near its end. The public prosecutor has com-pleted his report. He now has to decide whether to propose the acquital of Mr Antonov or

have him sent for trial. His opinion then goes to the Investigating Magistrate, Signor Ilario Martella, who will make the final decision on acquittal

Mr Antonov's lawyers be-lieve their client will inevitably be sent for trial and that the case will probably be heard in Patriarch Mahim makes the

point that the Pope has already publicly forgiven Ali Agea and visited him in prison. But as head of a foreign state the Pope could hardly be expected to try to alter the course of Italian judicial procedures.



Behind bars: Five Italians found guilty of kidnapping Gaby Kiss Maerth, the daughter of a Hungarian-born British businessman, who were jailed by a Como court for terms ranging from 16 to 20 years.

US rounds on another UN agency From Alan McGregor

Following its ultimatum to Unesco. the United States has now attacked United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (Unctad), accusing it of being responsible for "serious negative trends" in the North-South negotiations on economic development.

The US briefing paper on Unctad, issued here yesterday, said these trends will lead eventually to a total breakdown of this process". An official said, "Unetad is simply on the wrong track."

The US briefing paper said there must be changes in Unctad's leadership, management, mandate and work

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THE ARTS

Theatre

Midsummer of content!

A Midsummer Night's Dream

Other Place Reaching Stratford after five months on the road Sheila Hancock's production confirms. if confirmation were needed, that the RSC's touring stan-

dards are as exacting as those of its home-based products. The east is headed by some names new to me, coupled with some veteran actors lower down the list. But in no sense is this a B company; and above all, the show presents Miss Hancock (as classical director of real authority. Where Shakespeare is concerned, she possesses two indispensable attributes – a clear personal vision of the play. and the capacity to let individual actors flower inside it.

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Land Andrew

Bob Crowley's setting sug-gests a dusty attic with an old wardrobe in one corner and a back wall of tarnished mirrors. into this joyless den stroll the mechanicals to give us a jolly opening number on their homely instruments (including a washboard and a kettle, all carefully tuned up under Quince's supervision; then, as they are taking a bow, a weird previously unseen sprite erupts in their midst and darts into the wardrobe, slamming the door. The wardrobe thereafter figures as a magic box, as in the stories of Masefield and C S Lewis,

from which the marvels emerge and into which they retreat. Shakespeare's own opening falls distinctly flat after this

introduction. Miss Hancock has not made things easier for herself by oping for late nineteenth century costume suggesting a conference of hotel doormen, which reduces the Duke's scene with Hermia to that of a head waiter ticking off a maid who has been entertaining followers on the premises.

There is also a sense of the

director flexing her muscles, and this intensifies with the first full sight of the fairles, encircling the studio's outer perimeter with unearthly hoots, and then her Hammersmith production with unearthly hoots, and then of The Soldier's Fortune) as a taking the floor in elaborate animal pantomime which there seems small hope of sustaining. However, they do sustain it without obscuring the text and it even allows individual parts to achieve a rare degree of independence: particularly in the case of Charles Millham's Musiard Seed, a lost boy with sepulchral dignity and a grav-elly voice that match his battered top hat.

Pantomime and dance periodically break out throughout the show, reaching a climax in the thrilling drum-accompanied pas de deux for the reunited Oberon and Titania. But such effects invariably grow out of dramatic situation rather than competing with it.
Transformation from courtly

to woodland nobility works wonders for Penny Downie and Roger Allam, whose Oberon is

as commanding as any I have seen. Mr Allam is a honeyed verse speaker, but no sooner has he established that than he sidesteps the golden voice trap; reserving pure lyticism for the invocation of magic, and otherwise snapping into a most businesslike relationship with David Whitaker's horned Puck. whom he is apt to hold by the scruff of the neck or lead around by the ear to prevent his winged assistant from belting off to commit yet more

mistakes.
Precise articulation of changing moods is one of the show's main virtues. Amanda Roots' Hermia, for instance, discovering herself alone in the forest, succumbs to a passage of wild-cyed panic; then collects herself and her large Gladstone bag (a prop that gets funnier with every appearance) and trudges gamely off in search of Lyander. The same process operates on the smallest scale, as where the garlanded Bottom (Philip Jackgarlanded Bottom (Philip Jack-son) announces quite seriously that he had a good ear for music, marks this with a pause, and then asks for the tongs and the bones - which Ilona Sekacz's uncarthly musicians

duly supply.

Unfairly, but as always, the comedy is dominated by the Lancashire mechanicals. Under the supervision of Frank Mid-dlemass' Quince, a beaming paternal stage manager driven round the bend by the com-pany's incurable habit of saying Ninny for Ninus, they awaken



the proverbial scenes with an amazing flow of fresh business. George Raistick's Snout comes on as Wall trembling under his weight of masonry; Mr. Jackson remains a sensible artisan down to the last death-rattle; while Jimmy Yuill again

There is something I have been

meaning to say for weeks past,

but somehow - bad planning, I

suppose - I always reach the last allotted word before I say it. So

maybe I should say it at the

beginning. After a rather pain-

fully wooden start, made worse,

I'm sure, by comparison with the sinuous periods of Frank

Delaney who preceded him,

Hunter Davies has become a

thorough asset to Radio 4's Bookshelf (Sundays and Thurs-

days). The difference between

now and his first weeks may be

nothing more than habituation

and consequent relaxation, but

it makes all the difference because it allows a well-in-

formed, thoroughly unpreten-

tious and companionable, en-

I thought that Mr Davies's

qualities as presenter showed nowhere better than in last week's interviewing of the Duke of Edinburgh. How often when

broadcasters talk to royalty do

they let it be known by a dozen tiny inflections and turns of

respectful as he ought to be, but.

thusiasm to shine through.

displays that the nearly word-less Snug is the funniest part of the lot; apparently a hopeless liability who comes into his own when grasping a horn and blowing his colleagues off stage

Irving Wardle

Concerts

Searching for a voice

Musica Antiqua of London

Wigmore Hall

By the time you read this we will know whether the Early Music Network may have fallen victim to the Arts Counci's new development strategy: I trust not, for this set of concerts by the best ensembles in the field for tour around the country is, like the Arts Council's own Contemporary Music Network, an example of enlightened

patronage at its best.

That said, the concert of Spanish Renaissance music the last of this season's tours is a sombre affair, performed without much conviction or sophistication. The court of Ferdinand and Isabella can scarcely have been as dreary as Musica Antiqua (a London group, not the Cologne baroque usemble) makes it out to be. Perhaps the absence of one of

their regular versatile instrumentalists imposed some restrictions, but there was rarely much life in the dances, except in the subtlety of Jakob Lindberg's lute-playing, and the noise of the pair of shawms, which must have frightened a few passers-by in Oxford Circus, was crude. It seemed strange to place the

two singers behind this array of noise, for the contributions of Margaret Philpot and Rogers Covey-Crump were the most successful aspect of the pro-

characterization to their voices, they explored some of the darker corners of the palace songbook, especially "Harto de tanta porfia", with concentrated

Nicholas Kenyon Philharmonia/Davis

Festival Hall/Radio 3

It is strange how, occasionally. constrasting minds seem to agree. Robert Simpson's splendid Fifth Symphony, a welcome presence in the penultimate concert of the Great British Music Festival, comes from the pen of one renowned for his musical conservatism. Yet the impact of this work is strikingly similar to that of the sym-phonics of an English composer whose language could hardly have been developed more differently, Peter Maxwell Davies.

Both have discovered that there is considerable mileage left in the old Beethovenian symphonic principle of conflict and resolution manifested through contrasts of stasis and rhythm, harmony and counterpoint, tonal anarchy and stability. Simpson's work, written in 1972, makes its points by exhaustive exploitation of motivic cells and by sheer dogged

gramme: supple and flexible insistence. A single chord, quiet singing, quietly sustained. Aland confident, permeates the though I have heard both arch-form from start to finish singers impart more edge and Two violent fast movements. frame the structure, and in each Simpson uses the device of fragmentation in order to

destroy and rebuild.
Similar thinking, ingeniously applied, dominates the canons that form the second and fourth movements. In the first of these, the chord is gradually dismantled at the entry of each voice while in the second the voice, while in the second the process is revered, each line resolving on a single constituen note and providing opportunity for some fascinating rhythmic interplay. The central Scherzino is itself arch-shaped, beginning distant and building to a huge climax before subsiding again to the C that is the work's tona

The symphony, garnished by Simpson's resourceful and colourful orchestration, wholly vindicates his consciously evol utionary approach. Andrew Davis guided the Philharmonia Orchestra through it with exciting commitment, despite the slight panic caused by his sending the score crashing to the ground with an incautiously extravagant gesture in the

Earlier John Ogdon played Alan Rawsthorne's Second Piano Concerto (1952), whose solo part demands all the stamina and skill he still clearly

Stephen Pettitt

Television

A delicate operation

It has often been said that the women", one critic said of the or embarrassed about sexual women's wards of hospitals are original stage version. a hot-bed of salacious gossip, and Raspberry (BBC2) tended to confirm that description. This is surely the most convincing piece of writing a man could ever produce about

CHOICE

One Pair of Eyes (tomorrow, BBC2. 8.05pm) is Professor Laurie Taylor's totally anti-rural diatribe that balances Beryl Bainbridge's mainly antiurban lament in her current BBC2 series English Journey. We are hardly five seconds into the country vistas and Greensleeves music that the professor hates than shots are cut in of the London buses and tidal wave of commuters that he loves. Tennyson's "profitable inter-

course with Nature" finds no reflection in the professor's ramble through landscapes where, he complains, people stop where parking allows and not where Nature dictates, and no exciting corners to turn.

Professor Taylor substitutes his own blues for Nature's greens.

Comes a grinning automaton play it was no doubt effective, but on television it seemed a little too mannered.

Leaving aside Flaubert and Madame Bovary, one might at least grant that the author, Tony Marchant, has understood that women are far less squeamish

idiosyncratic fun that we don't believe a word of it. Radio drama highlights:

Christopher Russell's Swimmer (tomorrow, Radio 3, 8.05pm) was part-recorded in a public swimming baths. The acoustic authenticity is important. The tragedy of the crippled youth who adapts himself to a new ideal element, water, and the girl he metamorphoses into a mermaid, has a metaphysical inspiration. But it calls for a realistic resolution if the closing seconds are to shock - which they do. Snapping Out (tonight, Radio 4, 8.30pm) is dramatized. fact, the story of a British (contrived Cockney, at least couple's attempt to reclaim and the somewhat artificia their daughter from the Moo-nies who have absorbed her, body and soul. No parent whose holidaying child suddenly be-

Peter Davalle

matters than men:

His was a play about the extraordinary things people will tell each other when they are in adjacent hospital beds. Eileen is having an abortion and Chris, the older woman, is being treated for infertility – one is 1 imid and woebegone while the other is apparently more assertive. Together they explore the meaning of their lives.

meaning of their lives.

Their dialogue was full of gynaecological and faintly prurient detail ("All systems go", the brisk little nurse explained. This kind of thing is, always taken for granted these days, although the more sex is anatomised, the less interesting it seems.
Television lends such con-

temporary dramas an air of social realism, especially when they are set in a hospital, although the contrived dialogue situation brought Raspberry very close to the atmosphere of the stage performance from which it has been adapted. As a

Radio

experience of an author as it affected the writing of a book. In short, he sounded much the same as he usually does.

You will have noticed although the page three feature of this week's Radio Times may not have done much to help -that Radio 4 is about to embark on another phase of its experiments in restructuring. The dreaded Rollercoaster will become a reality on Thursday, April 5. There are one or two items I view with apprehension, but I don't think I'll tell you what they are for fear of accusations from Broadcasting House that I endeavoured to persuade you to cry foul before the whistle had even been blown. In fact, I look forward to next Thursday with a mixture of anticipation and

Meantime the first experi-ment continues and has tried to smooth out its most noticeable rugosity by removing The Financial World Tonight from phrase that, while on the face of Tonight and plonking it down it carrying on as one equal to at the end. This is an improve-another, in fact they are ment, but it hasn't done psychologically on one knee, if anything to lighten the end of not with tongue to toe of boot.

But not here: Mr Davies was as which, if you include Today in Parliament, now consists of 90 mannered.

not deferential, approaching the minutes of unalloyed news and occasion for its literary interest, current affairs. Friday, of so as to bring out the special course, brings Week Ending at

11.30, but even this is in fact a branch of the current affairs industry, delivered in a different tone of voice.

On Radio 3 we are in the middle of one of those valuable series which, among other things, invite us to see our British selves from another angle. The Troubled Dream (Sunday; producer, Caroline Thomson) is a four-part reas-sessment of the welfare state by Professor A.H.Halsey.

It has been particularly interesting to see how natioal attitudes and the convictions of those in power - presented, of course, as if they were self-evident truths - shape the way things are done. We in Britain. for instance, provide a conparatively good safety net for those who have fallen right off the bottom of the economic ladder: they won't actually hit the ground. But our record of support for the low-paid is not so hot, while attitudes to the unemployed still owe much to the Victorian moralist, And you might not have guessed, if you listen only to the assertions of the Second Lady of the Realm and her followers, that Britain is already one of the lowest public spenders in Europe and provides among the lowest bene-

David Wade

Dance

The exception that proves the skill

Douglas Dunn

Riverside Douglas Dunn, hitherto known

in Britain as one of Merce Cunningham's best dancers, and as performer of an outstanding solo programme that opened the first Dance Umbrella season, brought his small company to Riverside Studios this week for two performances. The three works given, all created during 1981, confirmed him as a choreographer of exceptional skill and originality.

He uses a wide range of

movement but deploys it with a seemingly casual ease which hides the care that must go into atmosphere. View. almost 50 minutes, unfolds with the relaxed expansiveness of a summer day spent in a field.

The relationships of the dancers

audience that there were empty seats at what could well be the (generally two or three at a time) created a landscape of activity to the bird and animal noises of John Driscoll's score Another score by Driscoll

become farmyard creatures fishes, cavemen, theatrical hams and circus performers The sound of traffic forms paof the material ingeniousl deployed in Linda Fisher score accompanying Hitch where agitated gestures of wris and hand punctuate the encounters and delays. Dunn's dancers, one other man and four women, are al

accompanies the comic Skid, in which the dancers seem to

smoothly skilled in the control balance, lightness and varied pace his choreography demands Dunn himself, elegant and authoritative, cultivates a dry

manner and sometimes provides a centre for the action but in solos and ensembles car still out-dance his gifted young companions.

It says little for the discern-ment of the modern dance most interesting and rewarding programme of unfamiliar works in London this year.

evidence to deflect the plaintiff justifiable claim.

ing and tenderness over a number of parts of her body, and although the injuries were now healed she was

still frightened every time she heard

The appropriate figure to compensate her for the trespass and the assault was £6,000. However, that

was not sufficient to punish the

defendant for the outrageous behaviour of his officers, and £2,000

The plaintiff had suffered bruis

John Percival

Court of Appeal

Law Report March 31 1984

Queen's Bench Division

Pardon does not remove conviction

Before Lord Justice Watkins, Lord Justice May and Mrs Justice Butler-[Judgment delivered March 29]

The effect of a free pardon was to remove from the subject of the pardon all pains penalties and punishments whatsoever" ensuing from a conviction, but did not climinate in any sense the convic-tion itself. The Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) was the only body which had the statutory power The Court of Appeal so held

when giving reasons for allowing on March 26 an appeal by Barry Arthur Foster and quashing his convictions (following pleas of guilty) on November 7, 1977 at Nottingham Crown Court (Mr Justice Stephen Brown) of rape and attempted rape of two girls aged 10 years (counts 1 and 4 of the indictment), in respect of which he had been sentenced on February 21, 1978, to unlimited detention under sections 60 and 65 of the Mental Health Act 1959.

Two further counts (of attempting to commit buggery and indecent ault on the same girls - counts 2 assault on the same girls - counts 2 and 3) to which the appellant had been ordered to lie on the file, were proceeded with before Mrs Justice Butler-Sloss, sitting as a judge of the crown court. No evidence was offered and verdicus of not guilty

John Melville Williams, OC and Mr Oliver Thorold for the appellant; Mr A. J. Arlidge, QC. and Miss Rosamund Horwood-Smart

LORD JUSTICE WATKINS. giving the judgment of the court, aid that fortunately for the good name of justice, this was a very

inusual story.

The leading figures in it were two men, the appellant and a mac named Denzil Pearce. Until 1977 the appellant, who was of low intelligence, was a man of good character. Pearce had an appallingly bad criminal record.
Following police inquiries into an

incident in which three small girls were indecently assaulted. Pearce first denied but then admitted committing the offences. On December 7, 1981 at Preston Crown Court he pleaded guilty to those offences.

Pearce also pleaded guilty in respect of which the appellant had

pleaded guilty to count 1 of the indictment laid against him, and also to the two offences relating to counts 2 and 3.

Peace asked for over 70 similar offences to be taken into consideration, but he denied involvement in the offence of attempted rape which was the subject of count 4 of the indictment against the appellant.

conviction. Their Lordships respectfully agreed.

Next. their Lordships had to be satisfied that they had the power to admit the new evidence. Under section 23(1) of the 1968 Act their Lordships deemed it necessary and expedient for it to be heard after a

prosecution could rely when they proceeded against the appellant were admissions which he was recorded as having made in a series of interviews with the police following the assaults on the two

It was necessary to say as clearly as possible that at the time they were offered to the court the pleas of guilty had all the appearance of being genuice and they were made without equivocation. A psychiatrist recommeded that he needed treatment urgently in conditions of maximum security.

However, the trial of Pearce and

what he admitted cast a very different light upon the confessions of the appellant, and consequent upon Pearce's confession and subsequent consideration, by police officers and the Director of Public Prosecutions, the Home Secretary was persuaded of the appellant's innocence of the charge of rape, and recommeded that he be pardoned. So it was that on March 11, 1982 her Majesty granted a free pardon in respect of count i.

respect of count i.

The appellant remained in Rampton Hospital because he was still subject to the order made in respect of count 4. On August 25, 1983 his case was referred to the Mental Health Tribunal. On February 8, 1984 an application for bail was granted with a condition of residence at a bostel, where he now

it was contended in the appeal that in the light of new evidence (mainly that of Pearce's conviction) the appellant's convictions on counts I and 4 were unsafe and unsatisfactory and should be quashed. The appellant had made an affidavit stating positively that had not committed the offer

he had not committed the offences.

Their Lordships had to look at the powers they had to deal with this unusual situation. The power of the court to quash convictions arose out of section 2(1) of the Criminal Appeal Act 1968, as amended by section 44 of the Criminal Law Act 1977. The effect of those provisions was considered in R. v Lee (unreported) in which the judgment (unreported) in M. V Lee (unreported) in which the judgment of the Court of Appeal was given by Lord Justice Ackner on December

The conclusion of that court was that even though an appeal against conviction was in respect of a conviction brought about by a plea of guilty the court was nonetheless in a position to quash the conviction. Their Lordships respect-

Peace was sentenced to life plca of guilty. This case was undoubtedly exceptional.

The only evidence on which the osecution could rely when they coceded against the appellant the authority of the Director of Public Prosecutions, to quash the conviction on count 1. However, their Lordships had to decide the sentence was a conviction.

whether there was a conviction upon count I to quash, after a free pardon had been granted in respect of it. The effect of a free pardon upon a conviction had not been considered by the courts for very many years. Counsel on both sides had devoted a vast amount of research to the issue.

The definition in law of a pardon,

according to the Oxford English Dictionary, was declared to be a remission, either free or conditional, of the legal consequences of crime. Many of the extracts their Lordships had been shown from textbooks and articles, some of them written centuries ago tended to support the propostion that a pardon left the existence of a conviction un-

Their Lordships had been inem Lordships mad been referred to R v Casgrow([1948] Tas SR 99) Where it was held that the partion granted was not the equivalent of an acquiral. Reference had also been made to Royal Commission on Thomas ([1980] I NZLR 602) where it was held, among other things, that the effect of a partion was to remove the criminal elements of the offence but not to mise the inference that the person pardoned had not commit-

Their Lordships agreed with what was stated in the Tasmanian and New Zealand cases. The effect of a New Zeniano cases. The check of a free pardon was to remove from the subject of the pardon all pain penalties and punishments ensuing from the conviction but not to eliminate the conviction itself.

Mr Arlidge, for the Crown, had referred to a number of practical reasons why that result should follow, and had mentioned the practical disadvantages of it being otherwise. He submitted that constitutionally the Crown no inger had a prerogative of justice, but only a prerogative of mercy. It could not therefore remove a conviction, but only pardon its effects. The Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) was the only body which had statutory power to quash a conviction. Their Lordships

quash a conviction. Their Lordsmips entirely agreed.

Their conclusion therefore was that the appellant's conviction on count 1 still survived. The appeal against it was therefore properly brought and having regard to the fresh evidence which their Lordships had admitted there was no doubt that the conviction should be onached. It remained to be said of that conviction that the Home Secretary wished the court to know, as counsel

instructed by the Director of Public Prosecutions stated, that in his ion the appellant was innocent of that charge. In relation to count 4 submis

addressed to the court by both coursel led their Lordships to believe that their duty key only in one direction. It was said that it could not be doubted that the confession made by the appellant on count. I was untrue. And if he was capable of making that untrue confession it could not be doubted that the true confession it could not be doubted that the true contribute of the country in the country is the confession in could not be doubted. that he was equally capable of making another false confession. On those facts a jury would conclude that it was unsafe to convict on

Mr Arlidge supported the argument put forward on the appellant's behalf in this regard and was instructed to invite the court to unsh the conviction on count 4. On the facts themselves their Lordships concluded that no jury properly directed could safely come to the conclusion that this appellant was guilty on count 4 and the conviction accordingly would be quashed.

The appeal, therefore, was allowed in respect of all counts.
Solicitors: Bryan & Armstrong, Mansfield; Director of Public

Police of the Metropolis . Before Mr Justice Park [Judgment delivered March 30]

Exemplary damages of £2,000 were awarded against the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis to Mrs Clementine George, a West Indian-born woman living in Lower Sydenham, London, by Mr Justice Park in the Queen's Bench Division, who said that police witnesses had deliberately lied to the court. Mrs George was awarded a total of £8,030 in her action for trespass and assault after several police officers had forcibly entered her home on September 30, 1980 and assaulted her. Mr Wilson Hill for the plaintiff, Mr Jeremy Compertz for the

MR JUSTICE PARK said that the plaintiff's son had been identified as having been present with two other coloured youths when a man had been stabbed. had a good view of that incident and had seen that the plaintiff's son had played no part in the attack, but had waited on the scene until the police

A misleading entry on a police

Exemplary damages against police detective sergeant charged with investigating the offence into thinking that the youths had acted in concert, but that officer had interviewed the victim and his girlfriend and must have been told by her that the plaintiff's son was

by her that the plantin s son was not one of the assulants, and in any event he ought to have known that the son had given his name and address to the officer at the scene. In the light of McArdle v Egam (1933) All ER Rep 611), Dumbell v Roberts (1944) I All ER 326) and Shaaban Bin Hussain v Chong Fook Kem (1970) AC 942), and of the information which must have been available to them, the police did not have reasonable cause to believe that the plaintiff's son had been involved in the stabbing offence.

Accordingly, the police did not have power under section 2(4) of the Criminal Law Act 1967 to arrest, nor had they the right under section 2(6) to enter the plaintiff's home at all, let alone by force. While it was reasonable for them to want to

interview him, that did not require bim to be arrested.

If his Lordship were wrong about that and the police did have power to arrest the plaintiff's son it was

had reasonable cause to believe that he was in the plaintiff's home.

She had given evidence that she had told them that he was not there (which was in fact the truth), but that they had told her that she was I lying and, when she had refused to open the door, had forcibly broken the chain.

Police had on several occasions of marketed her son at home, and she had always cooperated with the plaintiff's evidence to deflect the plaintiff's evidence to deflect the plaintiff's

no reason to believe that the plaintiff was not telling the truth or that she was trying to protect her son from arrest.
In those circumstances, even if they had a lawful power of arrest under section 2(4), they could have

had no rensonable suspicion that he was on the premises so as to give them a right of entry under section 2(6). Accordingly, on either footing, the officers' forcible entry had been trespass.

Having entered, the plaintiff alleged that one or more of the officers had hit her with their fists

and kicked her and over a period of half an hour had ransacked her home.

The officers denied any physical contact with the plaintiff, and said that she had become hysterical, and lain on the floor, drumming it with

would be awarded by way of exemplary damages to mark the court's disapproval of the officers' actions and to stop their repetition by others. There would be judgment for the plaintiff with costs
Solicitors: Sylvester Small & Co.
Briston; Solicitor Metropolitan

Procedural bar to hearing grievance

Before Sir Robert Megarry, Vice [Judgment delivered March 28]

la proceedings against the Ministry of Defence by residents of houses adjoining Gatow Airfield in the British sector of West Berlin. claiming that the construction of a shooting range on land there would shooning range on and mere would cause a missance to them by excessive noise, such as to injure their health, an application by counsel for the ministry to have the residents' statement of claim struck out was allowed by the court but only for procedural reasons, and the making of any order by the court was stood over pending a further hearing of an amended statement of claim, after a written application had been made to the Attorney General by the residents for leave to add him as a defendant to the

Mr John Macdonald, QC and Mr Owen Davies for the residents, Mr

courts in Berlin, then again in the High Court in the British sector of Berlin and now here in the High Court in England, where an issue of a certificate by the secretary of state meant that the proceedings should be struck out. There was no need to be told by the European Convention on Human Rights that it was deplor-

able that - as counsel for the ministry had accepted - there was no count with power to decide whether the residents were entitled to the remedy they sought. If heard, their claim might fail, or the court might decide that in all the circumstances of the case (including the special position of West Berlin), in would not be right to grant the discretionary remedy of declaratory relief; but at least the residents would have had their day in court, and would have bad their claim

That would have been their right Owen Davies for the residents, Mr
John Mummery for the ministry.

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR
said that except for the procedural
point the residents seemed to have a driven away with no bearing of their very real and substantial grievance.
They had tried to sue in the German triangle for what.

The European Convention was not of course law, although it was legitimate to consider its provisions in interpreting the law; and naturally it would be given full weight for that purpose.

So far as concerned the procedural point, the Crown Proceedings Act 1947 and the jurisdiction of the High Court to hear the case were at the centre of the dispute. The residents wanted to rely on the 1947 Act (and especially rely on the 1947 Act (and especially section 17 relating to those authorized to be made parties to proceedings) as enabling them to sue the Ministry of Defence, as a party, but as there was no statutory authority for the bringing of an action against a defendant of that name, their claim had to fail on procedural grounds since they were precluded from proceeding "under or in accordance with" the Act.

On the other hand, the point of substance of their claim did not appear to be altogether beyond argument. Proceedings for tort under the Act were barred by section 40(2)(b) and by the section 40(2)(b) and by certificate of the secretary of state under section 40(3) since they were

accordance with" the Act, but proceedings for tort that were pursued outside the Act, relying on the exposure of the Crown to actions in tort by section 2, could be actions in for by section a count be said not to be proceedings "under or in accordance with" the Act, even though it was only by virtue of the Act that they could be brought at all.

The court was not sure that the somewhat remarkable distinction produced by that was enough to make "under or in accordance with" embrace such words as "by virtue of". The court was not sure enough on the point to hold that the statement of claim should be struck out if that ground stood alone, although the court was reluctantly compelled to conclude that it would have to be struck out on the procedural point.

In the result, an application for leave to amend the statement claim would be deferred until written application had been made to the Attorney General to add his name as a defendant in the action. No order of the court would be made at the present stage.

Solicitors: Seifert Sedley & Co;

Special reasons relate to latter offence

Bolliston v Gibbons Where a person was convicted for the second time within ten years of driving with excess alcohol and was thus liable to disqualification for a minimum of three years by virtue of section 93(4) of the Road Traffic Act 1972, a court, in determining whether special reasons existed justifying disqualification for a shorter period, was required to take into account special reasons which related only to the commission of the latter offence. Lord Justice Kerr and Mr Justice Forbes held in the Queen's Bench Divisional Court on March 29.

Construing covenants

Receiver for the Metropolitan Police District v Kemley-Thirlby Ltd and Others A covenant, like any other

contract, was to be construed by reference to the intention of the parties as expressed in their own words and in the circumstances of the whole case, Mr Justice Beldam held in the Queen's Bench Division



SPORTING DIARY

Over and out for John

The Grand National - one of the few major sporting events to be held without Bolero being played - takes off, this afternoon, and it could well be john Francome's last appearance in the race. Francome, the top National Hunt jockey and fish and chip shop owner, has often stated his intention of retiring before the dangers of this most terrifying of

sports catch up with him. He has never won a National, though has won just about everything else, and the only target left is beating Stan Mellor's record of career winners - 1.035. Francome should manage that this season. He partners Grittar, the 1982 winner, in the big race. His mother will, as is her custom, lock herself in the larder while this most dangerous of races is being run; indeed there was talk last year of a Francome fund to stop the National being saved. This column has a fancy for Eliogarty.

The flat racing season is back with us again, praise the Lord, which means it is time for us all to start boning up on our Arabic, as the splendid chaps continue to pour their petro-dollars into British racing. Names of the horses will continue to be a problem for us; Shaikh Mehammed has named one horse Mugassas after his favourite camel.

Sinking feeling

Where was that old Bristol stalwart John Pullin on the glorious day when his team beat Harlequins in the semi-final of the John Player Cup? Sad to say, he was eventually spotted slowly sinking into the mud in, the middle of the pitch at Nottingham, a damp and bedraggled rugby person gallantly explaining for the benefit of HTV viewers, why there was no play possible in the other semi-final when Nottingham failed to play Bath.

Ouzot?

Could a young cricketer from Corfucalled Costas Vassilas force himself into an English County side? Might we hear the mighty roar of "Howdat?" bursting from Greek lungs at Lord's? Might his anguish at a decision of "Ochisotto" be seen at Trent Bridge? Vassilas, aged 18, was at Lord's all last week being coached in the indoor nets and could get some ground staff games if he returns in the summer. He bats (highest score 75 in a Corfiat 33 over match) and bowls turning the ball square on Corfu's matting wickets (best figures 7 for 50). He has set his heart on becoming the first Corfiat Could a young cricketer from Corfu heart on becoming the first Corflat professional cricketer in England, and they say, he's in with a chance.

Flights of fancy

Princess Anne shares my own mförbid fascination with big-time darts, and those doughty men who nêver lack stomach for the fight. But she knows when to draw the line. She let slip her enthusiasm for arrers in an interview on the radio, and quick as a flash, the British Darts Organization invited her to attend one of their major events, to give her the priviledge of seeing Eric. Jocky and the lads in the flesh, as it were. Wisely, and with immense politeness, she was forced to decline. Unabashed, the B.D.O. plan to ask her again.

BARRY FANTONI



Monkey trick

Goal-scoring does seem to involve are awful lot of air-punching and kissing of chaps these days, but even the Football Association is of the opinion that Glyn Riley went a little recent goal. He made a remarkable simian ascent of the railings in order to salute his fans: The FA told him it was time to steady on a bit.

There might yet be a Hoddle at Wembley this season, despite the eclipse of Tottenham Hotspur and their darling midfielder Glenn Hoddle. Glenda's uncle Dave Hoddle is assistant manager of Stansted, who play Whickham today in an FA Vase semi-final second leg match. A good win will send Stansted to Wembley.

Hongkong hound

Les Cusworth is not the first rugby playing Irishman that springs to mind. But Cusworth, much capped for England, is playing for the Irish-Wolfhounds R.F.C. team that contests the Hongkong sevens mind. But Cusworth, much capped tournament this week-end.

George Walden on Hongkong and Falklands parallels

The dangers of Two years after the invasion, the Falklanders are as safe as the day the last Argentine withdrew. But their real security depends on the stability of opinion in Britain. The Falkland digging in Islanders lobby is alive and alert for any signs of backsliding. But there is now a British Islanders lobby, too. Itis composed mainly of people who were not against the war, and know the price of peace. But they are in perpetuity. But our ability to hold disturbed by a nagging sense of disproportion. The new lobby grows them is relative, too. This is not every time some item of equipment

becase the island cannot be defended

they can, indefinitely. But only at staggering COSL

Self-determination is another absolute which is easily relativized. There are good reasons for its not applying in Hongkong, and, anyway, the Chinese would not stand for it. But self-determination in the Falklands cannot be a dogma either, for different reasons. Don Pacifico and civis romanus are all very well, but the British mind would presumably reject a situation in which the last farmer on the island might decide on his own account to stay, thus incurring the massive costs of his defence. At what number between 1,800 and one does the principle of self-determination cease to operate?

Absolute refusal to discuss sovereignty is a relatively recent

phenomenon. Within a few years, we have gone from a readiness to countenance leaseback to relent-lessly insisting on sovereignty. During that period, in a purely legal sense, nothing has changed; in real life the situation could hardly be more different. A criminally irresponsible invasion resulted in 255 British dead. In political terms, that alone justifies a reversion to absolutist attitudes.

practical political context that predominates. This context is now evolving rapidly, in three ways. The Argentine regime has changed for the better, feelers are out on both sides. Second, though our own ability and will to defend the islanders has not changed, the full extent of the cost is only beginning to emerge. Lastly, and most importantly, there is a noticeable evolution in public opinion. Recognition of the paramountcy of the wishes of the islanders is one thing. but in the last resort, it is the British people and Parliament that are paramount. The Falkland Islanders

This new context is already increasing the pressure on the Government to compromise. But governments exist to lead, as well as be led, and there are moments when decency matters at least as much as political expediency.

are now all full British citizens, too,

There is something mildly in-decent about being asked to give the Agentines today what they tried 10 seize by force two years ago, just because they are now asking nicely. The new regime is only months old, in a country with a history of chronic political instability. This is not a reason for British obduracy. But you cannot begin a long process of negotiation by melting at the first

What can we do? It is now often suggested that the ball is in our court. In fact the Argentines court is littered with balls that could take years for them to return.

Yet the British Government must have a positive policy – otherwise the whole issue could turn sour. It would be damaging to the sense of national purpose shown during the war itself if domestic recrimination were to follow the euphoria of victory. People understand that sovereignty cannot just be slapped back on to the table. But if it dawns on them that there really is no end to the dispute or the expenditure, even though Argentina continues to behave responsibily, the erosion of public support for the Faiklanders could gather pace.

We are well dug in militarily; there is no need for us to dig ourselves in too deeply politically. What we should do is to reiterate tirelessly that it is up to the Argentines to change the broader context in the long term. They need to prove to us, and to the Falklanders themselves, that they are reasonable people with honourable intentions. After what they did that will take time. We can help the Argentines to help themselves by not appearing unrespon-

us, not vice versa, ©Times Newspapers Limited, 198 The author, Conservative MP for Buckingham, was Private Secretary

Some of the proposals inevitably

rest on hopes rather than evidence; no doubt the Royal Court ought to get a substantial part of its funds from local authorities, but whether

the discussions with the relevant

councils on which the Arts Council are to embark will bring about this happy consummation is another

matter. So, even more emphatically,

highly unsatisfactory that the Royal Shakespeare Company should, in respect of its Stratford-on-Avon work, continue to rely solely on Arts

Council support, with no contribution from the district or county council authorities, whose revenues benefit greatly from the company's power in attracting tourists to the area,

and I should know, because I have

been saying this in public for a little

over 26 years, and much good has it

done me, or for that matter the

But any such proposals as these

are bound to include some weak

ones. In general, I believe that The Glory of the Garden, as the document is called, puts the main weight of the Arts Council's

eleemosynary function exactly where it ought to be. The Arts Council could, indeed, have gone

much further, and it is clear that in

due course it will, not only because

the sub-title of the report is "A Strategy for a Decade", but because

throughout the argument there is an

unmistakably forward-looking tone

deployment of the Arts Council's

sub-divisions, panels, advisers and staff. (If Sir William thinks excessive

the next step, it seems, is a

Royal Shakespeare Company.

is Sir William's belief that it is

sive. But it is for them to conciliate

to Lord Carrington when he was

Artistic fruits of the Rees-Mogg garden

Arts Council's new proposals for increasing aid to the arts outside London, unveiled yesterday at 105 Piccadilly, is that every single one of the principal predictions that in the past few weeks have confidently dominated discussion of the subject was wrong. The Arts Council has not withdrawn the subsidy it gives to the Royal Court Theatre; it has not given up the Hayward Gallery; it has not thrown the Serpentine Gallery. not thrown the Serpentine Gallery into the Serpentine, nor the River-side Studios into the river, it has not disbanded its Literature Department; it has not abolished the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, or demol-ished the Wigmore Hall. I cannot remember when there was last so complete a failure on the part of so many newspapers to do anything but print gossip as though it was fact in particular, if the Editor of *The* Guardian still has an interest in the repute of his paper, he should do something very drastic indeed about the standard of the arts reporting he

to sustain the Falklanders is paraded

across our TV screens with price tag

attached, it grows when we are

reminded that the cost to date is

film per inhabitant. It will grow again when a deal with China over Hongkong is announced.

These doubts can still be silenced

by a simple question: how do you compute the cost of the defence of sovereign territory? Yet, as the war recedes, the strength of this and other apparently unanswerable arguments could gob with it.

To the layman, sovereignty seems

an absolute concept: you either have

it, or don't. If you do, you keep it, especially if the population wants you to. Yet later this month, Sir

Geoffrey Howe will be negotiating with the Chinese in Peking about

with the Chinese in Peking 20011
Hongkong, Why are we contemplating "giving away" the sovereignty of Hongkong Island? For the most practical of reasons: you give away what you have and you can have only what you can hold. And we cannot hold Hongkong. In politics as in ordinary life, most absolutes are rather relative.

are rather relative.

The Faiklands, technically speak-

ing, like Hongkong Island, are ours-

has been getting.
But: there has been something even more fundamental involved in the speculation about what : might emerge from the Arts Council's thoroughgoing review of its strategy and determination to improve the funding of regional arts activities. Beneath all the discussion of the forthcoming changes, in which Sir-William Rees-Mogg has been cast as Robespierre and Mr Luke Rittner as St Just (or possibly the pair of them as Burke and Hare), has been the that there not only should be, but actually is, an unlimited amount of funds available for the arts, provided from tax revenue by a generous Treasury in response to the lightest wish expressed by the Minister for the Arts, so that if for any reason this belief should prove to be mistaken, it is all the fault of the minister and the Arts Council for not demanding enough loudly

enough. Even Lord Goodman, a very distinguished and successful chairman of the Arts Council in his day, fell into this trap in his Observer article on the Council's strategy, though I am by no means sure that even if he had not done so his article would have carried quite as much conviction as he might have wished, in view of his extraordinary claim that "no new concert hall has been built in this country since 1931". (He hastily contradicted himself nine lines later, when he remembered the Barbican, but that still leaves the Liverpool Philharmonic Hall, which in 1937 replaced the 1931 building that Lord Goodman knows about, the post-war Free Trade Hall, Manchester, the St David's Hall in Cardiff, the Wyvern Arts Centre in Swindon, the Snape Maltings, and for that matter the Royal Festival Hall, Queen Elizabeth Hall and Purcell Room.)

Of course, the belief that resources are infinite in a finite world is not confined to the arts; it is the basis of very widespread attitudes to the welfare state in general and the National Health Service in particular. But among no group is it more strongly and instinctively believed than it is by the people responsible for the scores of arts companies, institutions and projects funded by



by Bernard Levin

the hundreds of such bodies which believe that they ought to be.

was against this background that Messrs Rees-Mogg & Rittner, Butchers and Poulterers to the Gentry, led the Arts Council into and through a radical reappraisal of its role. And the main thrust of what is proposed is one which it is simply impossible to turn aside: the correction of the grotesque and indefensible imbalance between the public money spent on the arts in London and in the rest of the country. Of course, the capital should be, and since the end of the Second World War has been, an international metropolis of the arts. Not only would it be impossible for many artistic centres, including some of the country's greatest and most successful, to survive and work outside London; the concentration of institutions in London has itself been a fructifying force.

To the creation of this "artistic metropolis", the Arts Council has contributed massively, and there is no disposition on the part of the Council (I am assuming that Sir William wrote the report himself - it has his style throughout, including the references to Pope and Locke) to regret this; on the contrary, it is plainly a matter for great pride. And yet, as the report says, "We live as two artistic nations – London and everywhere else". And he illustrates this accusation with some powerful

No theatre company based entirely in the regions enjoys an Arts Council subsidy equal to one-tenth of that given to either of the two national theatre companies, the National Theatre or the Royal Shakespeare Company. Most receive less than a fiftleth.

public money, and those in charge of It is this continuing scandal that the Arts Council has at last set out to

> This document announces the largest single programme of devol-ution in the history of the Arts Council It is a genuine and major act of administrative decentralization, a step back from centralized bureauc-racy as a mode of administering the arts in Great Britain.

For some time now, the Arts Council has been quietly refusing to add to its list of client companies in London, even when funds have been available; the money has gone to the rest of the country. Now, however, the reasoning behind this ad hoc policy is to be made an explicit principle, which will guide the Arts Council's policy from now on. Of course, the Churchill Theatre, Bromley, the Wakefield Tricycle Theatre Company and the Handel Opera Society will declare, and I am sure passionately believe, that the withdrawal of their subsidies means that the Visigoths have triumphed, that all civilized life in Britain will shortly come to an end, and that when Sir William hears the word culture he reaches for his gun. Some of the provincial companies which have lost their grants will say all that Arts Council is only giving with one hand and taking with the other. This claim cannot survive a reading of the whole document; the strategy of strengthening the Regional Arts Associations (those companies which are to be devolved from the Arts Council to the regions will travel with their grants intact) is only part of the remarkable new thinking about the imbalance between regions as well as between

the reeling, writhing and fainting in coils that has been going on during

the past few weeks of speculation and that will go on throughout the next few weeks of comment, I can only advise him to wait patiently for the effects of such new thinking when it begins to affect the people inside 105 Piccadilly as well as their

It remains only to observe that he who pricks the bubble must provide the soap. Those who now denounce the Arts Council's new strategy (we can ignore those who denounced it before they knew what it was), must be challenged to say how they would have gone about reducing the disparity between London and the rest of the country, and from which companies and organizations they would have withdrawn subsidy, nstead of those the Arts Council have chosen, in order to provide the funds needed to do something about the disparity. If such alternative proposals are seriously put forward, a real and useful debate can be started. If they are not, all we need do to those who attack the Council's plan without offering an alternative is to quote the poem of Kipling from which the title of the Arts Council's report is taken:

Our England is a garden, and such gardens are not made

By singing: - "Oh, how beautiful!"
and sitting in the shade,

While better men that we go out and start their working lives At grubbing weeds from gravel-paths with broken dinner-knives.

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Friends, Romans, clients....

New words for old/Philip Howard

Big fashionable words sometimes displace smaller exact words, like cuckoos pushing smaller birds out of the nest. Notice how "student" has largely replaced such words as "schoolgirl", and "schoolpupil", "schoolgirl", and school-boy". The process reduces the number of precise distinctions available in the language and is therefore a Bad Thing.

"Colleague" and "client" are two words that are at present behaving like cuckoos. They are widely applied in contexts where another. more exact word exists and would serve better. Colleague is used in referring to soldiers, who have comrades; or 10 sailors, who have shipmates; or to criminals, who have accomplices.

Simon Barnes along with another colleague a Originally a colleague was elected

partner in office. But etymological origins need not bind us in the way we choose to use words today. The objection of the blanket use of colleague is not the snobbish one given in the OED: "Not applied to partners in trade or manufacture." It is that the categorical alternatives convey a greater identity of purpose about the activity in which those concerned are engaged.

Comrades in a regiment fight in a common cause, protect each other's flanks, bind each other's wounds and so on. Shipmates go to sea together. Accomplices confederate in their nefarious activities. But your old cuckoo colleagues may talk of and to each other "with the greatest respect", and quietly put the boot in at the next opportunity: the thing that comrades, shipmates, and

perhaps even accomplices ought not

London and the regions as a whole.

Euphemism and preference for a posh word also causes the cuckoodom of client, for example to refer to the raw material of the social worker's profession. I should have thought that an essential feature of the modern relationship between a professional and his or her client was that the client is the boss, and that he can hire, fire, and sue the professional.

This is not true of a person who is being worked over by a social worker, for the initiative is not with him. In fact the social worker has no "lay" clients, but is rather in the position of a barrister, whose clients are other lawyers, viz. the solicitors acting for plaintiff or defendant. In

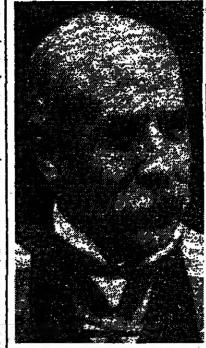
the case of social workers, their clients are the local or other authorities, who refer to them the problems of people who are having difficulty in their relationship with

Unfortunately, I am not sure what other word to suggest. "Case" is impersonal. "Patient" is too medical, "Victim" is a bit harsh. Perhaps 'dissenter" or "outsider". If you want to justify "client" you

can do it by going back to the Roman derivation. A client was under the protection of a patron in the complex tribal society of Rome. He was etymologically a listener, literally a person who is at another call. But that was 20 centuries ago. And I am not sure that the social workers want the implication that their clients are their servants, at their beck and call.

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Edward Elgar, left, the composer who became a cult, and Sir Adrian Bouit who did so much to promote his music

As I left church the other Sunday. neighbour smiled and said she was still in a haze from the celebration in Hereford Cathedral to mark the fiftieth anniversary of Elgar's death. Memories of that composer run deep in the Herefordshire-Worcestershire countryside. The widow of his organist lives in the neighbour-hood; he is supposed to have visited our house, and he had, we were told, a reputation for pinching the maids.

I don't think anyone in the postwar period could have predicted the enormous resurgence of interest in his music that was to occur in the 1970s, or that he was to emerge as such a cult figure. For, like so many people in the arts, Elgar the person, the reality, is so different from Elgar the myth, the idea. In the long run it is the latter which matters, for he now occupies an unassailable position in our national musical mythology akin to that of Handel.

did the outline and designs for a ballet based on the Enigma Variations. Sir Hugh Casson arranged for these to be left at the stage-door of the Royal Opera House to be seen by Dame Ninette de Valois. Six months later she collected them, not thinking that they had been seen by anyone until more than a decade later, Sir Frederick Ashton telephoned her to say that the time was right to do the ballet. This, in itself a romantic story, was accompanied by the comment that in the mid-1950s the pendulum had not swung in that direction. The triumphant reception of the masterpiece in 1968 inaugurated the upward curve of the Elgar graph. In the same year Michael Kennedy published his biography.

At first glance it is odd that as the swinging 1960s entered their apogee this should be so. In retrospect, however it is hardly surprising. Although there had been a post-war neo-Edwardian revival in men's clothes and interior decoration, it not extended beyon that. One thinks of Norman Parkinson's photograph of three dandies in their curled bowlers and velvet-collared coats. With that we were at the tail end of something which could be put back. The Edwardian cult of the 1970s in contrast was never a style. It was nostalgia for what had become a

vanished arcadia of peace and security before the First World War. The fact that the ballet still figures in the reportoire after 15 years is an index of the continuing potency of the image.

The revival of interest in Elgar runs like a flood through the 1970s, even leading to performances of his music abroad. Sir Adrian Boult's memorable appearances to conduct in his eighties, were almost exclus-ively devoted to Elgar. The graph runs parallel with the obsession for the Edwardian age which, as the decade progressed, reached a crescendo in the gloom-laden years after 1974. It was a period marked by the rediscovery of life in the Edwardian country house, the film The Go-Between, Edwardian costume serials on television, an endless series of books of photographs depicting Edwardian England and its social life, even the society portraits of Sargent suddenly reexerted their spell. In 1977, there appeared a book In 1952, my wife, who was then a student at the Royal College of Art. which at any other time would have sunk without trace but sold in millions, The Country Diary of an Edwardian Lady.
Which brings me back to Elgar,

for his music above that by any other, is now locked into this distant, patriotic idyll of pre-1914 sunset splendour. As an index to the change, Edward J. Dent in 1930 accorded only 16 lines to Elgar in a musical history compared to 66 to Parry and 41 to Stanford. He castigated his music as being "too emotional and not quite free from vulgarity. His orchestral works ... are animated in colour but pompous in style and of too deliberate nobility of expression...

That I cannot comment upon, for am no musician. What interests me is the interrelationship of ideas and images that sustain the revivaling the 1960s when the prometaders burst into "Land of Hope and Glory" in the midst of Pomp and Circumstance, there was a degree of mocking to the ritual. No one in accusation. That is because the references and allusions that his music evokes have changed over the years from being a symbol of imperial, insular, jingoism to Arcadian visions of the serenity of a

golden age. Sir Roy Strong is director of the Victoria and Albert Museum.

Paul Jennings

Ideal – but must we mow the carpet?

par has long snaking queue of solemn couples all clutching colour of course. Ideal Home Exhi-

bition. Must end April 1. Tomor-row. Not before time. The brochures show vast bedrooms with carpets apparently made from Old English sheepdog, bathrooms where everything square and same colour, even loo seat (who has square bottom, for Pete's sake?), kitchens with lots of empty shining flat surfaces on one of which slim smiling model is preparing meal apparently from two carrots, one green pepper and a

small slice Camembert.

No wonder she slim, but will husband smile when he come home and they sit down to eat on glass chairs at glass table? (Don't be silly.
Husband? These days?)

Nothing against Ideal Home as such, except lurking fear would have

to mow and roll bedroom carpet once a month. But how do they keep it ideal?

How (for instance) they keep all those flat surfaces clear in kitchen? In our house no empty flat surface anywhere, especially in kitchen. All covered with old magazines, halves of cameras, bottle with three deadlooking olives, cheese with bowl upside-down over it to keep cats off, odd socks kept there in hope matching ones will turn up magically some day, spike with bills up to Oct 1980, bits of old mincer (not throw away, other bits about somewhere, perhaps in tool draw where - good Lord, here is little screwdriver, stuck to emery paper with pink paint (it supposed to live in fuse-cupboard), radio which will only go when lying on side . . .

While couples are leafing, wordiessly or low-murmuring, through brochures, reflect that whenever have been self to exhibition, have never seen furniture, carpets, etc that wanted, but could suggest many things that would surely make own home fractionally near ideal for

Always the same around this time of year. My nice, post-commuter-rush train is crammed with strangers. The non-ferrous metal from which non-ferrous metal from which wretched little screws, always falling out of complicated electic plugs, are made. Instant Infra-red Football Shirt,

Gym Things etc Drier. Answer to panic am dialogue, "It's football today, where's my shirt?" "Why didn't you tell me last night, it's still wet." Would dry the perishing thing in five seconds. Automatic Tap Turner-back. My

family either weak-wristed or just forgetful; anyway always finding hot water has dribbled away at night. But don't want taps you actually have to hold down against powerful spring, like the ones in train loos. These would have built-in spring. wind-back of some sort. Phone Howler. No use asking

Telecom for this, they want teenage? to gas away for hours. But it surely not beyond wit of British electronic wizards to invent something you can hide in room, activated by dialling. it let out fearful screech after pre-set time. I'd settle for ten minutes, you mustn't think I'm mean.

Rising Bed. Switch it on when you first call teenager. After you been yelling from downstairs for quarter of hour top half folds up to vertical, after five more minutes whole thing tips on to side. In fact wouldn't mind bed like that for self, let alone

Bleep Tool Kit. Would compel anyone who took pliers, gimlet, small screwdriver etc, to return it to proper place, because it would bleep until they did. Have actually seen ads for golf balls that bleep when lost in long grass. Why not for little screwdrivers, of which have bought 97 since married?

Ideal Home Exhibition Perpetual Calendar Reminder. So that can remember to get different train, like Ol' George and Ol' Cyril (if they are here, can't see them in crush). No, no. what am saying? So that can remember to go next time of course, see if any ideas like these taken up.

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ART ON A BROADER CANVAS

Poets are licensed to juggle with ambiguity, but administrators, even in the purlieus of the arts. risk being misunderstood if they attempt the many-layered approach. To avoid confusion, let it be well understood that the Arts Council's latest report "The Glory of the Garden" is not, as readers familiar with some of its recent predocessors might well assume from the title, a sumptuous publication with a fullcolour depiction of our principal national shrife of opera on the cover. Sir William Rees-Mogg's Garden is not that Garden at all. and indeed a certain pursing of the lips in the document when the latter is mentioned shows that he considers it to have got off more lightly this year, through the favour of the Government than he himself might have wished. The true reference, quoted by Bernard Levin opposite, is of very different import.

The format of Arts Council reports has always been a subtle indicator of morale. Until re-cently they resembled the glittering catalogues of major Hayward Gallery exhibitions or the programmes of distinguished regional music festivals; in the lifties they tended to be small and matt, printed in one colour, but enlivened with abstract designs expressive of hope. Modest or sumptuous, their titles always expressed a sense of financial insecurity: "Arts in the Red"; "The Struggle for Survival" or "The Arts in Hard Times" (perhaps the most sumptuous of all). The present publication is different on all counts: it has the studied drabness that sometimes goes with confidence: it resembles the company report of a small but very well-based provincial brewery, or the official guide to a ruined abbey of which very few traces remain, but whose historic a tension between its objectives significance is unassailable.

It is one of the most remarkable paradoxes of the Thatcher era that the Arts Council has arrived at a point where it can afford not to be twitchy or selfassertive about its stock-in-trade. For most of its history there has been an underlying anxiety about the claims of the arts to public subsidy - to their status with hospital beds and pensions as part of the welfare state. But now, when the welfare state itself is acutely under question, the argument over the arts seems (at least temporarily) to have been won. At its most monetarist phase, the perceived party of the Philistines has accepted the case forcefully made out by a parlia-mentary report in 1982 and the Priestley report last year that the arts are respectable after all earners of dollars, providers of employment, meeting (at mini-mal cost in relative public expenditure terms) a widespread

and strongly-felt public demand. Since a large part of the value of the arts in entertaining and stimulating the public derives from its propensity to feuds and follies, it is reassuring that the new subfuse of the report conceals only imperfectly an intense scene of infighting. Widely accused of seeking the powers of a Stalinist Minister of Culture, Sir William has failed by a long way to achieve all he sought. He has failed to shift more than a mere five per cent more of the Council's expenditure from London to the provinces, and he has failed to get off his hands those metropolitan clients like the Hayward Gallery and the Royal Court which have proved capable of mounting so ferocious a defensive lobby in recent weeks

One need not regret this failure altogether. The Council has from the start been aware of hurried.

of promoting the best and promoting accessibility. In some parts of the country, arts subsidy per head is only one-ninth of what Londoners enjoy. The example of Germany is often reproachfully mentioned, where every major provincial centre sustains the arts in their most rarified and expensive ex-pressions, and where diversity of patronage makes for vitality.

This degree of regional pride is certainly something to be wished for in Britain, and something that the Council should promote. It has indeed done so from the start. Covent Garden and the London Coliseum together absorb 17 per cent of the Council's budget, and it may well be argued that in principle this is too much. But in 1956, when the first of the Regional Arts Associations was founded, the same organizations were taking well over half the total.

There are natural constraints on the pace of redressing the imbalance between London and the provinces. Germany has a tradition of independent princedoms, while the British have looked towards London as a centre for centuries. It would be unwise to wind London down abruptly, threatening valuable living traditions that cannot easily be rebuilt. And though the Government appears to have accepted the case for protecting the regional arts from the effects of the abolition of metropolitan councils, the political situation in local government is too highly charged and too uncertain at present to inject into it too many extra contentions about arts support. The movement is in the right direction; the pace has rightly been accelerated; but the best gardeners know that the due time and season for successful replanting cannot be

HAVOC, BUT NOT YET ANARCHY

in eight and a half hours on Thursday Liverpool city council failed completely to order its financial affairs. Who would not now cry a plague on all three of the party's local houses, their petty squabbling, procedural trickery, and rhetoric more suited to a provincial Russian soviet than a chamber which once listed the Gladstones among its ornaments? By contrast, television offered the sight of Mr Jenkin, stolid as ever, promising firm central authority. Standing in the wings, he hinted, still at some distance from the stage, is a civil servant with a commission to stop the vagaries of local administration causing financial jeopardy.

That municipal services could be run or rates levied by an appointee of central government is not at issue. The ranks of uniformed Merseyside constables guarding the town hall the other day would turn out again if need be. Municipal employees have no great love for elected politicians; besides, they are likely to value their pay cheques more than calls to solidarity from Mr Derek Hatton. Yet the suspension of local elected government, necessary though it might become in Liverpool, should be anticipated by no one. For those disturbed by the untidiness of local politics, its promise of administrative rationality is a delusion. For all concerned with the ability of the British to govern them-

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Merseyside, it would be an irrecoverable defeat.

For the failure of local representative self-government damages the polity as a whole. Accretion of power to the centre is rarely reversed; a Liverpoolmight multiply. And it is delusion to think that he would bring the end of untidy politics.

Thankfully, local politics in Liverpool is not exhausted: messy compromise could still save the city from the unflinching revolutionaries of Labour's left. Next week's financial dislocation should not be underestimated; nor should the difficulties of Liberal, Conservative and moderate Labour councillors in reaching an accord. Yet were there to be an emergency council meeting within a fortnight, a budget could be drafted by the minorities. In this Mr Jenkin could surely help. Since 1981 Liverpool has, rightly, been the focus of an array of programmes concerned with ameliorating a blighted urban landscape. These are relatively flexible; already Mr Jenkin adjusts the expenditure of the council on "partnership projects" so that some payments do not count for

the city's financial control target. Mr Jenkin has said he can do nothing singular. But there is regional discretion in other ministerial briefs, notably through the Manpower Services

selves, even in the extremities of sides, including the Govern-Merseyside, it would be an ment, have a stake in seeing politics working again.

Labour could, it appears, block an emergency budget meeting. Mr Hatton wishes to save his class-war appeals for the clections in a month's time. commissioner would stay and Whether action in the courts could force Labour's hand before then is open to doubt. The District Auditor might have an uphill task in convincing a High Court judge of the unreasonableness of the (whole) council's delay in making a rate: the auditor shows no sign yet of rushing for judgment. Other options are covered by the deep waters of finance legislation framed for the converse of Liverpool's position - for councils which have made a questionable rate, not for councils which,

questionably, have made no rate. The verdict of Liverpudlians at the polls in May takes on symbolic weight. A strengthening of Mr Hatton's hand - if Labour won extra seats - could push the city from its present disarray into overt law-breaking. At that point there will be demands, some from within Liverpool itself, for the imposition of central authority. Yet the self-checking mechanisms of auditors and courts will have something on which to bite. And then, as now, there will be the strongest of cases for caution on the part of government ministers, for faith in the local Commission. In the weeks political process, for tolerance of before the May elections all municipal marathons.

STONES THROWN FROM A GLASS HOUSE

It is a matter of justifiable pride that the rights of the individual are so stalwartly defended in the British media. But this self-satis-faction should not blind us to the criticisms of our foreign colleagues. The Izvestiya correspondent in London cites a British miner's warning that "England is turning into a police state" and describes for his readers how the police delayed a convoy of miners' cars driving down a motorway to the Nottingham-shire pits. Moscow Radio interviewed the leader of the Soviet Miners' Union, Mikhail Srebny, who wished the men "having to take part in pickets and fight for their rights every success in their

Soviet miners enjoy higher wages than other workers in the USSR, but they would still be impressed to learn that striking miners in Britain have their own cars to drive from picket to picket. Soviet workers are not allowed to strike or to move around the country to demonstrate against government policy.
When the Donbass miner Vladimir Klebanov tried to form a genuine trade union independent of the regime, he was incarcerated in a psychiatric hospital. Last year Lev Volokhonsky was sentenced to five years' hard labour plus four years' internal exile for circulating the Infor-mation Bulletin of the free tradeunion movement.

Yet the Soviet media strongly deplored "the reprisal of the British courts against Sarah Tisdall, an active participant in the struggle for peace and former employee at the British Foreign Office". Of course the very fact that someone who leaked documents relating to the state's missile defences was merely "thrown behind bars for six months" would seem to Soviet citizens an example of extraordinary judicial leniency. And for an editor to be able to publish such a document without being arrested must seem an even more amazing demonstration of political liberty.

In Kiev on 13 March Valery Marchenko was sentenced to ten years' hard labour plus five years' internal exile for writing articles critical of the Soviet regime - for which he might have been forgiven since he was at the time already in prison for his beliefs. Smuggled from the camp, his statements were published in the West. During his trial - postponed from the previous day because of his poor health - he declared that he had always tried to do what was right and would continue to speak out against the faults of the Soviet system.

The USSR Constitution allows freedom of speech and of the moribund society of the USSR press, but only "in accordance can still learn much of value with the interests of the people here.

and in order to strengthen and develop the socialist system" and it is of course the top party leaders who determine what precisely are the "interests of the people". Last February the laws on anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda were extended to cover not only preparing, disseminating and keeping anti-Soviet literature, but also any suspect materials "in written, printed or other forms". The punishments for such "crimes" were increased.

A new article was introduced banning the passing on to a foreign country of "information that constitutes a professional secret", no matter how the information is acquired. Telling tourists or Western correspondents about meat rationing in the provinces could therefore result in a stiff sentence.

That citizens should be guided in their actions by their consciences is an essential part of democracy, but it is equally to be expected that society impose limits on the freedom of the individual when the exercise of that freedom infringes on the welfare of others. Deciding where these limits lie can only be possible with unrestricted public debate, which the Tisdall case has shown to be alive and well in Britain. The media and the

Taiwan status'

for Hongkong

From Mr Roderick MacFarquhan Sir. If the historic decision of Jardine, Matheson to move its legal base from Hongkong to Bermuda (report, March 29) is not to trigger other transfers and a precipitate slump in confidence, the Foreign Secretary has to tell the Chinese on his forthcoming visit that Hongkong needs to be granted "Taiwan status" as a guarantee of the post-colonial

The Chinese Premier has promised Taiwan that, after reunification. Peking would send no representa-tives, administrators, or soldiers to the island and would impose no laxes or levies; the island regime would run the place as it does today.

Hongkong should be given the same treatment minus the British Raj, Much has apparently been conceded, but the problem of

representation remains. Concretely, this would mean the withdrawal from Hongkong of the high-ranking official who heads the official Chinese news agency establishment, together with most of his staff. Already the present incumbent is seen as a shadow Governor and after 1997 he will be more powerful than the old British

Resident in Indian princely states.

The Bank of China branch should also be reduced in status if not in function. The Communist Party would have to treat Hongkong as a "no-go" area on the understanding Taiwan's Nationalist Party would be prohibited.
Taiwan status for Hongkong

should not only reassure the colony: it would also give Peking the opportunity of using the "Hongkong model" to demonstrate to Taiwan how painless reunification would be. Yours faithfully,

RODERICK MACFARQUAR. 55 Campden Hill Road, W8.

Eritrean struggle

From Mr Winston S. Churchill, MP for Davyhulme (Conservative). Sir, You are to be congratulated on your editorial, "A blind eye in Africa" (March 14), drawing attention to the plight of the people of Eritrea who are still carrying on their 21-year-old struggle for indepen-dence from Ethiopia with which against the wishes of its people - it was incorporated in consequence of the action of the United Nations.

It is utterly shameful the way in which the world organization has resolutely refused to reconsider its hasty and wrongful decision, taken in defiance of the principles of the UN Charter itself. In consequence of this and of the expression by Ethiopia in recent years supported. by Cuban troops and other Soviet to keep a person in custody "to block "military advisers", more than facilitate the investigation", may 150,000 Eritreans are estimated to have been slaughtered in the conflict and a further half-million driven

A similar fate has attended the Somali peoples of the Ogaden, who were also, against their wishes. handed over to Ethiopia again: tens of thousands have died in the conflict and well over 1.4 million forced to flee to Somalia proper from their traditional grazing lands.

How many more lives have to be needlessly sacrificed, how many more millions forced to flee as refugees, before the United Nations and indeed the OAU recognise that it is wholly inadequate merely to minister to an ever-growing refugee population, but that the time has come for the problem to be tackled at its roots by recognizing the rights to self-determination of those who, without consultation and against their wishes, were forcibly included within the confines of the Ethiopian Empire, which the Soviet Union is using as the principal base for its military and strategic domination of the Horn of Africa, regardless of the cost in terms of loss of life and human misery? Yours faithfully,

WINSTON S. CHURCHILL, House of Commons. March 23.

Chiswick green

From the Secretary of The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings

Sir, John Harris (March 24) rightly draws attention to the deplorable record of the Property Services Agency in caring for some of the country's finest buildings and wonders how much will change with the arrival of the Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission next

Of course one cannot condemn the commission before it has even started work. But there are already some worrying hints that it may be diffident about making full use of its new freedom to challenge, where ecessary, the Government department from which it has emerged and on which it will depend for grant

This contrasts sharply with the Manpower Services Commission, which was set up in a broadly similar manner 10 years ago to take over many of the responsibilities of the Department of Employment. Right from the outset it threw away a cramped Civil Service mentality, took risks and made its criticisms loudly and publicly. Some saw it as unnecessarily abrasive, but it achieved much in a remarkably short time.

On some issues, such as the commercialization of sites and monuments, caution by the HBMC may be no bad thing. But a new body that chooses not to become a vigorous, authoritative and independent voice for the country's heritage loses much of its justification.

Yours sincerely.
PHILIP VENNING, Secretary. The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings. 37 Spital Square, E1. March 24.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Needs and choices in social context From Mr Geoffrey Sampson From Professor Maurice Bruce

Sir. Professor Denbigh's defence of public spending (March 28) confuses a number of entirely separate issues. On one hand he points out that there are certain goods and services which by their nature can only be supplied publicly rather than via the market. Litter-free streets and development control in the countryside might come under this heading; but several other things he mentions manifestly do not; for instance, there is no reason why the provision of lending libraries or theatres should not be controlled by market forces; if it proved impossible to run any library or unsubsidized theatre at a profit (which is scarcely credible) that would simply show that people have higher priorities for the use of

limited resources.

Then there is the altruistic argument that public spending gives poor people access to things like medical services which they might not be able to afford if they were provided through the market. But this surely is an argument for redistributing money to poor people and letting them buy what they need, rather than arranging for the state, paternalistically and inefficiently, to provide them with benefits in kind.

in any case, plenty of research has shown that the middle classes get a better "deal" out of the NHS and many other components of the welfare state than do the poor. (Surely the average patron of a statesubsidised theatre would be better able to afford an unsubsidized ticket than the average taxpayer, who is forced to pay for the subsidy?)

Finally, it is nice to know that Professor Denbigh is "pleased" to pay for the current level of public spending, but what response would he make to those of us who would rather have the money than the state welfare and pay our taxes with angry reluctance? Yours faithfully,

GEOFFREY SAMPSON, Richmond House, Ingleton, Yorkshire, via Carnforth, Lancashire.

Ghana's economic ills

From Mr Eugene Cotran

Sir, Lord Gifford (March 21) refers to Ghana's new "institutions which are trying to deal with the corrupt practices of Ghana's wealthy critizens and companies". He gives the Citizens' Vetting Committee as an example of such "institutions" and Ghana's barristers as the "citizens" allegedly found by the committee not to have paid taxes for years. What Lord Gifford does not say is

that under the Citizens' Vetting Committee Law (PNDC Law no 1, of 1982), the committee has power order the forfeiture of his property to the state, and it shall "not be lawful for any court to entertain any action or proceedings whatsoever for the purpose of questioning any decision, finding, order or proceedings of the committee."

Lord Gifford might have given another example, namely, the institution of "public tribunals", which have, in regard to the trial of criminal offences, virtually replaced the long-established regular courts of Ghana and its system of criminal justice, once the envy of the whole of Africa.

Ghana's barristers, the "tax evaders", according to the formidable Citizens' Vetting Committee, have boycotted these public tribunals from whose decisions (which includes the death sentence) no appeal or judicial review of any kind

It is plain that the "corrupt and

From Projessor Statute Brace

Sir, There must be many for whom Professor Denbigh speaks in asking whether — or should it not be "why"? — your "central philosophical conviction" takes no account of the needs which can be met only by public institutions, i.e., by "collectives" excepts. You have gone so far (leader,

March 23) as 10 resurrect the Victorian, A. V. Dicey. True, he was unhappy about the trend towards collectivism in his time, but he did at least recognize the interdependence of all human interests" could find no such central philo-sophical conviction in his study of the development of government activity as plagues us today from both extremes of the political spectrum.

"Legislative opinion", he con-cluded, "is more often the result of facts than of philosophical speculations" and to a considerable extent this has remained the case, to the disappointment of political extrem-

You quote, with evident approval, Dicey's "State help kills self-help", but need we be influenced by a long-dead critic, however notable in his day, who had reservations even about legislation against the adulteration of food, who confused unemployment insurance with the droit de travail of 1848 in France, and who stigmatized old-age pen-sions as "nothing but a new form of out-relief for the poor" (my italics)? In any case, where is the evidence for the killing except in philosophi-cal speculation, in Dicey's day and

As Professor Ginsberg wrote, some years ago, anticipating Pro-fessor Denbigh, the issue is a practical one, turning upon "what can best be done by individuals...and what things of importance would remain undone if the state did not do them". Yours faithfully, MAURICE BRUCE 22 Chorley Drive, Sheffield.

March 29.

greedy" practices of Ghana's citizens (which are surely not confined to the wealthy, as Lord Gifford suggests) and Ghana's economic ills are no going to be eliminated by the kind of institutions set up by the PNDC Government Indeed, it is these very institutions, often composed of legally unqualified people, that have resulted in complete disrespect for and disintegration of the rule of law in Ghana and the anguished cry by Ghanaians for the restoration of "freedom and justice", a stand to which your editorial of March 7

rightly refers. Yours faithfully, EUGENE COTRAN, 2 Paper Buildings, Temple, EC4.

Defects in defence From Lord Mayhew

Sir. Lord Carver is right (March 23). The single-Service Chiefs of Staff must be in a position to assess all the factors affecting the efficiency of their Service and to present their conclusions effectively to the CDS (Chief of the Defence Staff).

This has not been the case even before Mr Heseltine's reforms. In the sixties, when the Navy objected that it could not maintain our East of Suez role without aircraft carriers. was steamrollered by less well informed opinion at the centre. Mr Heseltine's reforms will increase the possibility of similar blunders in future. Yours etc.

CHRISTOPHER MAYHEW, House of Lords. March 23.

Medieval penalty From Mr Endre Somien

Sir, Your Religious Affairs Correspondent states in his article, "Revival of medieval penalty" (March 22), that the last excom-munication in the Roman Catholic Church "appears to have involved a person in one of the southern states the United States in the 1960s . . . " Your excellent Library, of which I

am a great admirer and occasional user, will, no doubt, confirm that there have been at least 13 excommunications from the Catholic Church since the end of the sixties. The last reported one was in May, 1983, when the entire congregation of the S Dofano parish in the diocese of Siena was excommuni-cated for heresy by the Vatican.

The last prelate to be excommunicated was Monsignor Pierre Martin Ngo Dinh Thuc, brother of the late South Vietnamese President, Ngo

Dinh Diem. Thuc had the doubtful distinction of having been excom-municated twice: once in 1976 for municated twice once in 1976 for unlawfully ordaining bishops and, after being "partially rehabilitated by Pope VI, he was again excommunicated in April, 1983, for yet another bout of "unlawful episcopal another bout of "unlawful episcopal" another bout of "unlawful episcopal another bout of "unlawful episcopal another bout of "unlawful episcopal episcopal episcopal another bout of "unlawful episcopal episc ordinations" in Spain, The excommunication of two

Italian writers in 1973 for using tape-recorded talks with Catholic priests in their book, Sex in the Confessional, was widely reported and commented on in the world

I hasten to say that I am far less knowledgeable on Church affairs than your Correspondent but have had his facts routinely checked against our own Library's modest records before filing the article for further reference. Yours faithfully. ENDRE SOMJEN,

lor, in his zeal to remove anomalies

from the tax and duty structure, had

would have removed these anoma-lies and would benefit all privately

owned residential accommodation,

would have been the removal of

VAT on building repairs. Relief would have been brought in particular to the hard-pressed private landlord, who forms perhaps

the only sector of residential housing

which is not favoured either by tax relief or by public subsidy. This relief to the private-sector

landlord would help preserve the mobility in accommodation that is

increasingly needed by the flexible patterns and locations of employ-

ment today. Thus it would benefit not only the housing stock of the

country but also employment and

An alternative approach which

Reuters Limited

not done this.

VAT on building From Councillor C. M. McLaren

Sir, The logic of the second paragraph of Lord Rosebery's letter on VAT distortions in building (March 20) leads to the conclusion that anomalies and distortions between different classes of building works would only be removed if VAT were imposed on new building work as well as on improvements and on repairs. Indeed I would not have been surprised if the Chancel-

Running battle

From Mr A. W. Ramsay Sir, I cannot be alone in feeling a sense of shame about 17-year-old Miss Zola Budd being forced to take out British nationality and quit her country of birth in order to be able to run against her peers. Sportsmen and women compete against each other, they do not run against Yours faithfully, ANDREW RAMSAY,

Etna House, 350 Kennington Road, SE11.

the economy.

It could be financed by the removal of mortgage tax relief on the higher bands of income tax. Yours faithfully, CHRISTOPHER McLAREN, Chairman, Health and Housing The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea,
Town Hall, Kensington, W8.

meeting of the commission. When the commission eventually sends two names to the Prime

Minister, she may have her own timetable for dealing with the matter and may wish to make her own soundings before deciding between the names. There are thus plenty of oppor-tunities for delay built into the system and speculative interpret-

Filling the room

From the Archbishop of York

Sir. It may help to curb Clifford Longley's speculative zeal (feature, March 28) if I explain, without breaking any confidences, why the process of appointing diocesan-bishops takes longer in some cases than in others

The first step, involving the collection of information about the diocese in question and consultation with a wide variety of local people,

may take two or three months. It

obviously cannot start until the vacancy has been announced, and this is likely to occur earlies when a retiring bishop has declared his intention to resign well in advance

than if the vacancy occurs through

The information thus collected goes to the Crown Appointments Commission, whose pattern of meetings may be fixed up to a year

in advance. Only one diocese can be considered at each of its meetings,

since the four diocesan representa-

tives on each commission are drawn

from the diocese under consider-

ation. It may happen, therefore, that if two dioceses fall vacant at roughly the same time, one of them has to

wait in the queue for the next

at the top

than in others.

death or translation.

ations which ignore these belong to the realm of journalistic fiction. So also do Clifford Longley's remarks about Auckland Castle. I do not know what prompted his flight of fancy about hard-to-fill

houses of the Lord, but I am tempted to speculate that there was a hard-to-fill space on your features Yours faithfully,

JOHN EBOR:, shopthorpe, York, March 29.

Going solo

From Dr L. E. C. Ormerod Sir, On a day when London was without public transport my bicycleconducted survey showed 42 percent of cars still to have only one occupant, a measure of how unpleasant we, as a nation, find enforced fraternization.

If an Englishman's house is his castle, what, then, is his car? Yours faithfully. IAN ORMEROD, Institute of Neurology, University Department of Clinical Neurology, The National Hospital,

Spectacular value

March 28.

From Mr Montagu Levy Sir, Mr Bercow's assertion (March: 22) that British opticians are exploiting the public does not follow from the simple fact that spectacles

are cheaper in Portugal - so are sardines and hundreds of other commodities. So what? My own calculations are that in an average practice the overhead cost on each pair of speciacles

dispensed is about £8 per pair and the laboratory charge for the very simplest pair of spectacles is about £7. In spite of this and the professional service involved quite well designed spectacles are available in London at about £25 or less. A national health spectacle, for which the public now pay almost the whole cost, except for the sight testing, costs about £10. Britain is now among the least expensive places in the world for spectacles

and contact lenses compared to countries with similar economies. I'll bet my last escudo that Mr Bercow (if he is gainfully employed) sells his labour at a cost far higher than do the Portuguese in the

Algarve. Yours faithfully, MONTAGU LEVY, 17 Cumberland Mansions, Brown Street, W1.

Voice of experience From Mr Henry G. Button

Sir: You reported on March 26 that Mr Bill Collins believed that his 74 years in the parish church choir at Bussage would make him the longest serving chorister on record in

According to an article on long-service records that you published back in 1955, on August 22 a gentleman named R. Jenner completed 80 years with the choir at Edenbridge and Mr F. Starling completed more than 81 years with the choir at Blofield. So Mr Collins will have to soldier on for a few more years yet to take the record.
Yours faithfully, HENRY G. BUTTON, 7 Amhurst Court, Grange Road, Cambridge.

Equal before the law

From Mr A. E. Stevens Sir, Recently an elderly lady was convicted of causing an obstruction on a road by driving her car at 15 mph, which was considered too slow. Her penalty was a fine and the loss of her licence.
Can we expect that the numerous

picketing miners who are causing obstructions on the motorways by driving at 2 mph will receive the same penalty? Yours sincerely. A. E. STEVENS.

3, Forestdale, Grayshott, Hindhead, Surrey. March 29.



COURT AND **SOCIAL**

Ambassador Extraordinary

Mosque. Conakry. today.

Plenipotentiary at Conakry) at the State Funeral of His Excellency

Monsieur Ahmed Sekou Toure (President of the People's Revo

lutionary Republic of Guinea

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE March 30: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh, attended by Mr Richard Luce, MP (Minister of State. Foreign and Commonwealth Office; Minister-in-Attendance) and Mrs Luce, the Duchess of Grafton, Lady Abel Smith, the Right Hon Sir Philip Moore, Mr Robert Fellowes, Mr Michael Shea. Surgeon Captain Norman Blacklock, RN, Air Vice-Marshal John Severne, Major Hugh Lindsay, Mr Brian McGrath and Deputy Assistant Commissioner Colin Smith, arrived at Heathrow Airport, London this afternoon in a British Airways Tristar aircraft from

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness were received at the Airport by the Lord Marlean (Lord Chamberlain), Mr Colin Marshall (Chief Executive, British Airways) and Mr Michael King (Director, Heathrow Airport, London), The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark

Phillips and Captain Mark Phillips this evening attended the Mayoral Ball at Chippenham. Her Royal Highness and Captain Mark Phillips were received on arrival at the Town Hall by the Vice-Lord-Licutenant for Wiltshire (Field Marshal Sir Roland Gibbs) and the Mayor of Chippenham

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G. T. H. Reid. 74; Air Commodore Helen Renton. 53; Professor Dame Sheila Sherlock, 66; Canon Charles H. Smyth, 81; Mr David Steel, MP;

Birthdays

46, Lord Trefgarne, 43; Commander Clare Vyner, 90; Professor Sir Frederick Warner, 74; Mr Sidney Weighell, 62; the Earl of Westmor-TOMORROW: Mr Christopher TOMORROW: Mr Christopher Bishop, 52: Mr Ian Gower, 27; Major-General J. R. C. Hamilton, 78: Sir Paul Hasluck, 79; Sir Nicholas Henderson, 65; Miss Gaie Johnson Houghton, 43; Baroness McFarlane of Llandaff, 58; Pro-

TODAY: Mr Richard Chamberlain,

49: Sir Robert Cockburn, 75: Mr John Fowles, 58: Viscount Furness,

55, Mr Pat Lowry, 64; the Very Rev

Forthcoming

marriages MrG. R. Holt and Miss J. Gillett

The engagement is announced between Gareth, younger son of Mr and Mrs J. T. Holt, of Elm Park Gardens, Chelsea, and Jane, younger daughter of the late Sir Michael Gillett and of Lady Gillett, and Womersh Court Womersh of X Wonersh Court, Wonersh,

Dr M. I. Archer and Miss S. J. Norwak

The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr and Mrs R. A. Archer, of Blakeney, Norfolk, and Sophia, elder daughter of Mrs J. M. Norwak and the late Mr J. M. Norwak, of Cley-next-the-

Mr M.S. Day and Miss M. R. Warburton

The engagement is announced between Martin Spencer, younger son of Mr and Mrs G. A. Day, of Luton, Bedfordshire, and Maria Rose, youngest daughter of Dr and Mrs N. H. Warburton, of Leigh-on-

Mr I. H. Gillespie and Miss P. J. Wray

The engagement is announced between Jan Hugh, elder son of Dr Bernard and Mrx Joan Gillespie, and Penelope Jane, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs M. O. Wray, of East Knoyle, Wiltshire.

and Miss C. Wagstaff

The engagement is announced between Nigel, son of Mr and Mrs Hicks, of Cropredy, Oxfordshire, and Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs Wagstaff, of Grassington, North Yorkshire.

Mr A. J. Hutton and Miss P. A. Mallinson

The forthcoming marriage is announced between Andrew, son of Mr H. R. Hutton, of Athelington, Suffolk, and Mrs V. J. Hutton, of Peckham, London, and Penelope, daughter of Mr J. P. D. Mallinson, of Chiswick, London, and Mrs M. Nolan, of Littleworth Common,

Mr C. W. Kirk and Miss M. E. Hassell

The engagement is announced between Christopher William, eldest son of Mr W. B. Kirk, of Westeliff-on-Sea, Essex, and Mrs W. A. M. Kirk, of Leigh-on-Sea, Essex, and Maureen Elisabeth, only daughter of Dr Cedric Hassall, of Harpenden, Hertfordshire, and Mrs Elisabeth Hassall, of Tewin,

Mr D. W. Lax and Miss A. M. Prentice

The engagement is announced between David William, eldest son of Mr and Mrs F. W. Lax, of Great Margaret Prentice, of Winchrombo Coloncestershire, only daughter of Professor J. E. and Mrs M. J.

Mr H. A. Pye Miss C. Wilkinson

Miss C. Witkinson
The engagement is announced between Hugh, younger son of Mrs-Patricia Pyc, of Ramsey, Isle of Man, and the late Mr Harry Pyc, and Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Wilkinson, of Greenwich, Connecticut, United States, and London.

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Mr.W. Sterens

and Miss A. Perry
The engagement is announced between Wayne Stevens, son of Mr and Mrs David Bell, of Epping, Essex, and Anna, daughter of Mr and Mrs James Perry, of Melbourne. Australia,

Mr F. R. Verrall and Miss R. S. Margolis

The engagement is announced between Edward Robin, younger son of Mrs B. M. Verrall and the late Mr A. E. Verrall, of Kensington, London, and Rachel-Sara, daughter of Mrs S. Trisk and the late Mr W. W. Margolis, of Bayswater, London,

Mr C. R. Waco and Miss A. L. Faller

The engagement is announced helween Rupert, youngest son of Mr and Mrs J. R. S. Ware, of Dunsfold, Surrey, and Amanda, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs M. B. L. Fuller, of Castle Eaton, Wiltshire.

Mr.J. E. H. Ward and Miss E. D. Hall The engagement is announced

between Jonathan, younger son of Mr Rodney Ward, of Lilingstone Lovell, Buckinghamshire, and Mrs Michael Shirley-Beavan, of Shal-bourne, Wiltshire, and Emma, youngest daughter of Mr David Hall of Lalandusse, France, and Mrs Julian Wellesley, of Tidebrook,

Mr N. S. Waters and Miss T. R. Kenning

The engagement is announced between Nigel, elder son of Mr S. Geoffrey Waters, of Hawkhurst, Kent, and of Mrs Jill Waters, and Tanya, elder daughter of the late Captain Michael Kenning and of Mrs Richard Headley, of Bramshill, Wherewell, Hampshire.

and Miss S. M. Slade

The engagement is announced between Henry, elder son of Colonel and Mrs J. B. Wilson, of Teston. Kent, and Susan, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs G. B. Slade, of Worminghall, Buckinghamshire.

Mr M. Zand Irani and Miss A. P. Maguire The engagement is announced between Makram, son of Mr and Mrs Tewfik Zand Irani, of Beirut.

Lebanon, and Anne Patricia. daughter of the late Mr and Mrs John Patrick Maguire, of Man-

Marriages

Mr S. W. Murray Threipland and The Countess of Pembroke.

The Marriage took place in Connecticut. United States, on Friday March 23 1984 between Mr Stuart Wyndham Murray Thresp-land and Claire, Countess of

Mr D. Ben Guira and Miss L. M. Snipper

The marriage took place in London, W9 on Sunday March 11th between Mr Daniel Ben Guira, son of M. and Mme A. Ben Guira, of Paris, and Sounger daughter of the late Mr M. inspper and of Mrs L. Snipper of Mr O. J. Williams and Miss NI. Evans

Mr O. J. Williams and Miss Mary Evans were married at St James Parish Church, St James, Barbados, on Friday March 2nd 1984.

Science report

Obstacles to saving plants in peril

By Tony Samstag

Most of the world's wild crop 80 years to add "and Flora" to and produces abundant food

value to people - are concentheir habitats is likely to take alfalfa; and plants such as the trated in fewer than a dozen even longer to develop in those tamarugo tree of Chile which.

parts of the world where the

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The tropics are home to 155,000 of the world's estimated total of 250,000 flo-

genetic resources - the inherit- its name. The view that it is

able characteristics of plants not so much individual animal

that are of potential or actual species that need saving as

But the regions where beasts are hungry human

The launching by the Duke that scientists can identify and

of Edinburgh this month of a analyze them in time, there is

World Wildlife Fund cam- certainly scope for putting the

plants is therefore unlikely to The fund has described a amount to much unless the species of perennial maize

fund's fieldworkers can con- discovered in a remote Mexi-

vince their host governments can forest as "the botanical

in Central and South America, find of the century" because of

South-east Asia and Africa its resistance to cold, damp that it is in their own interests and disease and its potential

in 1903, took the better part of which can live up to 40 years

for increased yields.

Scientists also have their

eye on the buffalo gourd,

paign to save threatened fund's conservation case.

Sermons in stones at the courts of justice |OBITUARY One hundred years ago a porch the central position being

topic which, in artistic as well as occupied by Christ. He, accordlegal circles aroused lively discussion was the opening, after long delays, of the new Royal Courts of Justice. A site the other buttresses of society. of five acres on the north side of the Strand had been secured for the building and the architect appointed, in 1868, was George Edmund Street, then at the height of his powers.

which was held in the Grand March 30: Princess Alexandra and the Hon Angus Ogilvy were present this evening at the Royal Air Force public building of dignity and ever august. Anniversary Concert at the Royal Festival Hall. importance could possible be Lady Mary Fitzalan-Howard was in attendance. constructed.

ral forms, in Street's scheme of history decoration, man find their Meanwhile, on the northern ordered place while, reflecting face of the law courts, beneath the sign-language of the Middle the coats of arms and other

the pedestals above the entrance mandments of God. "Show me

The Lord Mayor of Belfast, Mr Alfred Ferguson,

inspecting men of The Queen's Regiment yesterday after

giving them the freedom of the city. Three battalions are

on a four-month tour of Northern Ireland.

Arab-British Chamber gomeryshire Society was held at the of Commerce Ahingdon Rooms last night. Mr H. Sir Richard Beaumont, chairman, and Mr Abdul Karim Al-Mudairs, Powys, proposed the toast to the

correlary-general of the Arab-British society, to which Mr Henry R. Chamber of Commerce, gave a Owen, President, replied. Other luncheon in honour of Lord speakers included Mrs Pauline Carrington at the Churchill Hotel, Phillips and Mr Alun Richards, London, WI, on Tuesday, March president-elect.

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Merchiston Castle School

Mr Nicholas Edwards. Secretary of Ian Balfour-Paul proposed the toast State for Wales, and Mrs Edwards to the school. Those present included were hosts at a reception held at the Welsh Office. Cardiff, yesterday to mark the twenty-first anniversary year of the United World College of School Edinburgh.

The annual dinner of the Mont-

The London annual dinner of the

Merchistonian Club took place at the Caledonian Club last night, Mr

Merchiston Castle School

Company of Weavers, Fullers and Shearmen of Exeter

The Master, Wardens and Court of

Assistants of the Company of

Weavers, Fullers and Shearmen of Exercise held a dinner at Tuckers

Hall Exeter, last night in honour of the Master of the Clothworkers

Company. Mr James Westoll, and the Upper Bailiff of the Weavers'

Company, Mr Stephen D. Graves The Master, Mr E. S. Dowell

Ancient Monuments Board for

A farewell dinner for the Ancient

Monuments Board for England was

held at Apsley House. Piccadilly, yesterday. Sir Arthur Drew, chair-man of the Board, presided.

Service dinners

HMS Cambria

Mr R. Culver

Royal Naval College, Greenwich

A ladies' guest night dinner was held at the Royal Naval College. Greenwich, yesterday. Commander A. H. F. Wilks presided and Lieutenant-Commander D. J. Codd

On relinquishing command. Captain N. Lloyd-Edwards. RNR, gave a dinner party on board HMS Cambria last night which was attended by former commanding officers, his successor, and senior collegues. The meets included:

Colleagues. The guests included:
Commodorus I C Davenport and R C Hastle, RNR, Captalion W R D Gerard-Pearce and R K S Betheet. RNP: Captalins E F HIII-Brook. H RNP: And Commander A G S Blackwood. RNR.

A memorial service for Mr Roland Culver was held at St Paul's, Covent

Garden, yesterday. The Rev John

Arrowsmith officiated, assisted by the Rev Basil Wilks. Mr Robin Culver, son, read John Donne's "Death", Mr James Mill read from

Tennyson's "Crossing the Bar", Mrs Lucinda Culver, daughter-in-law, read from An Autobiography by Anthony Trollope, and Mr Michael

Culver, son, read an extract from T.
S. Eliot's "Little Gidding". Mr
Hugh S. Roberton sang "All in the
April Evening". Mr Harold French
gave an address. The Actors Centre
Choir Directed by Mr Ian Macpher-

son also took part. Among those

son also took part. Among those present were:
Mrs Culver (widow). Mr Roderk and Mr Justin Culver (arandoms). Mr Alan Culver (Ceorge Culver). And Mrs Culver. Mr N Bromley. Mr William Culver.
Lord and Lady McAlpine of Moffat. Sir Basti Bartisti. Bt. Sir John Woolf, Ledy (Stanley) Balkor. Mr Sirewart Bates. QC, Mr Stanley Balkor. Mr Sirewart Bates. QC, Mr Courter Horizo, Mr Sireman Bates. QC, Mr Shortidam. Mr John Merivale, Mrs John Pudney. Mr and Mrs Robert Morley. Mr Shortidam Mr John Mr Shopher (Mrs Mrs Harvey (Garrick Culv.). Mr Peter Cornellle (Green Room Club). Mr Peter Cornelle (Green Room Club).

Memorial service

Luncheon

Receptions

year of the United World College of the Atlantic. St Donats, South Glamorgan. Those present included the chairman of the college governors and Lady Whitaker, the headmaster and Mrs A. C. Stuart.

college governors, members of staff and students and representatives of

education and industry and public life in Wales.

The Judge Advocate General, Mr J. G. Morgan-Owen, QC, and members of his staff gave a reception and

buffet supper in the Middle Temple

Hall vesterday evening. Among the

Hall yesterday evening, Among the gliests were:

Mrs Morgan Owen: the Admiant Cemeral and Lady Cooper, Major General sir David and Lady Cooper, Major General sir David and Mrs J N S Arthur. Major General and Mrs J F Bowman. Air Vice-Marshall and Mrs J F Bowman. Air Vice-Marshall and Mrs G N Forman. Master Thompson, QC, and Mrs Thompson, Mr W McL Howard. OC. Mr F H Dean, QC, and Mrs David. Major-General and Dr J A McIlvenna and Judge and Mrs Pullinger.

The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, were

me shering and their ladies, were entertained by Sir Kenneth Newton. Master of the Feltmakers' Company, and Lady Newton, and the Wardens and their ladies, at a ladies' dinner held at the Mansion

House last night. Among those

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The High Commissioner for New Zealand and Mrs Young. Yiscount Cheke Intelligence of the High Coung and Mrs Farmhouse. The House and Lady Wontiner. Major General Sir Philip and Lady Worth. The High Shertif of Bedfordshire and Mrs Farmhouseh. The President of the British Headwear President of the British Headwear President Sir of the Society of Days and Coloursis and Mrs Backburn. Canon and Mrs Richard Tyderman, the Master of the Tallow Chandlers' Company and the Master of the Company of Makers of Playing Cards and the Masters of the Coung Cards and the Master of the Coung Master of the Coung Cards and the Master of the Coung Master of the Coung Cards and the Master of the Coung Cards and Cards Philosophic Car

protein and oil in extremely

arid lands; salt-tolerable varieties of wheat, rice and

enable sheep to thrive in the

Such species are obviously

of great potential value in situ.

or as shared resources between

one developing country and

another; far more so than, say,

the wild rosy periwinkie of Madagascar, of great import-

ance to the West as the basis

for drugs to treat leukaemia or

the jojoba nut, described in

recent years as the plant kingdom's answer to the

philosopher's stone but so far

most in evidence as a shampoo

The developing world's perception of a western "gene imperialism" is likely to be a

great obstacle to the campaign.

most unlikely environments.

Judge Advocate General

Dinners

Feltmakers' Company

HM Government

Arab-British Chamber

ing to the Gospel record, had recommended a twofold approach to law and justice as to

"Render unto Caesar the

things that are Caesar's" means that those who enjoy the protection of good order owe to it duties of support. Rights imply obligation, yet that is not Street had, of course, like all the whole story since to God the other competitors, chosen as are to be rendered the things of the style for his work that "pure God". In other words, the spirit Gothic" which the influence of of man, restlessly searching Ruskin had, in the earnest, mid- after its true homeland, can century years, established as the never remain wholly subject to only lit manner in which a custom and convention, how-

Set in place at Christ's right hand stands King Solomon, and The design of the law courts very fittingly, since Solomon's resembles that of a cathedral prayer on his accession to the with a central hall, 238 feet throne had been. "Give they long, approached by an elabor- servant an understanding heart ate archway richly adorned with to judge thy people". The figure flowers and foliage, heartening on Christ's left is another reminders of the Creator's sovereign, King Alfred the beneficent handiwork. Set Great whose wide learning amidst the abundance of natu- included a knowledge of legal

Ages, doves are shown picking emblems of civil authority, at grapes in token that human Moses appears in full promisouls, for their swift-soaring nence, clasping the tablets of the flight, requere to be fed from the Law which, as the old story relates, he brought down from Three carved figures stand on Sinai inscribed with the com-

thy ways that I may know thee". years, is destitute alike of The architecture of the Central Criminal

breathes a different spirit from that of the law courts. Working less than 30 years after Street. Edward Mountford took as his model not the medieval cathedral but some Italian palace of the sixteenth century. Amid the slabs of lush, green-veined marble the now fading pictures declare something of the generous Renaissance belief that no subject which has ever fascinated the human mind is to be despised, that, in the fullness of time a sense of order and beauty in knowledge will succeed in uniting what man's ignorance

has divided. But the confidence seems in some sort to have obbed away. The statues above the entrance are no longer persons who have a firm place in history. Rather they are the less distinct figures of allegory, such as a Recording Angel and Truth, grouped in what for Michelangelo was a meaningful array but muddled and lifeless in twentieth-century London. Only the great, gilded statue of Justice, towering 200ft above ground, proclaims the significant message that she is. in Cicero's phrase, "mistress and queen of all the virtues".

The newest addition to the law courts, namely the Queen's Building attaches in recent

biblical allusion and the fancies of allegory. Comfortable and convenient, no doubt, it yet entirely lacks significance of form and seems almost to exult in being plain, ordinary and

down to earth. Should style in architecture be thoughto to reflect a people's aims and imagination, it may be that George Street's involved Gothicism is, after all, of a surer temper than the hesitant essays of a later age. For the message of his high-scoring arches and graceful carving remain some-thing very close to the Gospel precept. The life is more than the raiment".

Amid all the complex detail and minute technically with which Justice must concern herself, she may never forget that she has to do with the soul no less than the body, with the mysterious sweep of changing moods in man or nation, with the frailties as also with the hesitant upward glances of those who do not live by bread alone. When such things fail in remembrance, George Street might declare in parting, the fountain-springs dry up and. with them, "the righteousness that exalteth a nation"

Surge in export of great art works By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

important works of art being exported from Britain is recorded by the annual report of the Reviewing Committee on the Export of Works of Art. published yesterday. The committee had reviewed about 20 cases a year in the past; in

1983 that figure jumped to 50. The report covering the period from July, 1982, to June, 1983, conveys the anxiety of the committee members. They have broken with bureaucratic processes to send up an alarm signal in advance of their next

The report identifies several reasons for the surge in applications for export licences: the fall of the pound against the dollar, which makes British art works look cheap abroad: recent recent extensions in the com-mittee's scope (allowing them to stop the export of younger and cheaper material than before): and a trend for legatees to prefer selling their inheritance to keeping art works by using available tax exemptions.

The icon market made a strong filigree silver oklad, with only comeback at Christie's yesterday after a difficult period. A Virgin and Child allowed to rare early icon of the North show through the glittering Russian school of "St George slaying the dragon". surrounded by small scenes from his life. sold for £16,200 (estimate £15,000 to £18,000).

£18.000). A Moscow "Virgin shaded cioisonné enamel and unsold.

Denstone College In the recent scholarship examinations for Denstone College the following awards have been offered: Major scholarships: kirsty Reade, Brocksford Hall: Cary Johnson, Granville Sentor Secondary: Simon Shaw, Cheadle High School, Schools of these course between regarded to the control of the course of

Fourth Sunday

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CHAPEL ROYAL AT ST JAMES": HC.

8.30: Sung Eucharist, 11.15: Weed in the
Phryslan Mode. The Bishop of London.

THE QUEENS CHAPEL OF THE
SAVOY (public welcomed: Sung Eucharist.

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9.30; Rev J Miller.
CENTRAL HALL Westminster: Family service, 11. Rev Dr R J Tudor; 6.30, Rev L Howards.

6.30; Rev K Howards.
CITY TEMPLE. Hollson Vieduct; ECI:

11. 6.30; Rev Dr B Johanson.
WESTENDRIFER CHAPEL. Buckingham Gain: 11 and 6.30; Rev Dr R T Kendali.

WESTENDRIFER CHAPEL.

Robert Milburn Former Dean of Worcester and Master of the Temple

A surge in the number of remains within the traditional limit of 20 cases, is a depressing

one. The committee considered 16 cases and in only five was an export licence eventually granted. Those were, however, the five most expensive items. Lord Northampton's large

painting of a "Mythological subject" went to the Getty Museum in California for £1.8m. A copy of the Magna Carta went to the United States priced at £1.25. A Botticelli priced at £1.25. A Botticelli portrait priced at £819.000. Richard Dadd's brilliant Victorian fairy picture. "Oberon and Titania", at £573,312. and Guercino's "St Luke Painting the Virgin", which had belonged to the Spencer family since the sighteenth century at since the eighteenth century, at £310,000, all went abroad.

In contrast, the most expensive treasure for which a national institution successfully matched an export valuation to keep it in this country was the "Coronation of the Virgin" by Rottenhammer, also from the Spencer collection, which was The record of the year bought by the National Gallery officially covered, although it for £50.000.

Icons make a comeback

the faces and hands of the Virgin and Child allowed to surface, sold for £5,400 (esti-mate £2,500 to £3,500).

A full length icon of St A Greek icon of "The Old teenth-century Russian, sold for Testament Trinity", dating £302 (estimate £180 to £260) from about 1700, sold for and a Russian nineteenth-£15,120 (estimate £13,000 to century "Virgin and Child" made £410 (estimate £150 to Vladimirskaya", dating from £180). The sale totalled about 1900, covered with a fine £138,885 with 9 per cent left

Latest wills Mr Piero Sraffa, of Trinity College. Cambridge, the economist, fellow of Trinity College and Emeritus Reader in Economics, Cambridge Devon. Lloyds underwriter

Services tomorrow:

in Lent WESTMINSTER ABBEY: HC. 8: M.

10.30, Ireland in F. O hearken thou (Eight).

Right Rev. E. G. Rensp-Fisher; HC. 11.40, E.

Right Rev. G. Rensp-Fisher; HC. 11.40, E.

Right Rev. M. Tweedy: organ rectia, 6.86.

ES. 6.30, Rev. S. Charles, G. M.

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J. Charles in Sarut declars (Gunod): E.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL MC. 9:

Cathedral Eucharist. 11. Mass in G.

Cathedral Eucharist. 11. Cathedral E.

South The Second Service (Gibbons). Canon P.

Periwanden, G. Lorde (Gibbons). Canon P.

Periwanden, Cathedral Mass.

Server of the control i-Howells: ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: Sure Eucharis, 11, Rrv P Blowet: ALL SOLIS CHURCH, Lancham Place: HC. 9.30; Mothering Sunday Family Service, 11, Rev R Bowes; HC, 6.30, Rev R Simpson. Tourison. Net of L Cross to Net C L L Thorson. CHAPEL South Audies Street HC. 8.18: Sune Euchariet, 11. Communion Service in C and F Stanford. Communion Service in C and F Stanford. Maris.
HOLY TRINITY. Brompton: HC. S.
Family Sarvice, 11. Nev JT C B Collins: ES.
6.30. Proberdary M Harper.
HOLY TRINITY. Prince Consert Rd.
SW7: HC. S.30: Choral Euchariot, 11. Rev SW7: HC. 8.30: Choral Eucharist. 11. Nev Dr M Israel.
HOLV T. Stoane St. MC. 8.30: Eucharist. 18.50: Canon Roberts.
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19. Missa Schartst.
19. Missa Sc University, left estate in England and Wales valued at £1,587,936 net. After personal bequests and effects he left the residue to Trinity College. Miller, Mr Ernest Bruce, of Seaton,

£426,216. God of Hosts Ourceil, Rev W Soulton: organ voluntary.

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Satuare: HC.
3-30-Supe Euchariel, 11, Missa Antona.
Christ Munera Galestrina). A. Ave verum telgari, Rev GD Wattins.

ST JAMES, Gartickhili, fCityl: HC (sung).
10.30, Prebendary D W C Moseman.

ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly: HC. 8-30; Sung Euchariel, 11; EP, 6.

ST MARGARET'S. Westminster: Sung Euchariel, 11; EP, 6.

ST MARTIN-DN-THE-FELDS: HC11662; BC FSmilly Communion.

ST MARTIN-DN-THE-FELDS: HC11662; HC.
12.30; Choral E. 4.15; ES. 6-30. Rev C Hauder-Cooke: HC, 7-30. City. ST MARY ABBOTS, Kensington: HC, 8 and 12.30: Sung Eucharist, 9.30. Rev D. Sox; M. 11.15, Rev P. Deacon, E. 6.30. Rev M. J. 904, and educated at Harrow and Brasenose College, Oxford. He became a member of Lloyd's in 1926, joining an underwriting

6.15. MARYLEBONE Parish Church: HC. 8 and 11: Mesa da Requiem (Mozart. Laordinese des lis decoart). Rev C. R. Laordinese des lis decoart). Rev C. R. Laving en of Hands D. Ministry of Healing Laving en of Hands D. Duncan: HC. 8.15: Family Service. 11. Rev J. A. Murnford. E. 6.30. Bishes of London. S. Ministeridge: HC. 8 and 9: Soleman Eucharist. 11. Ft. R. Royle. 8 and 9: Soleman Eucharist. 11. Ft. R. Royle. ST PAUL'S. Robert Adam Street: HC. 11. Dr K. Nunn: 6.30, Rev G. Cassidy. ST PETER'S Enton Science: HC, 8.15; Family Mass, 10; Bolemn Mass, 11; Communion Service in D (Leighton); A. Wash Me Thoroughly (Wesley). SIMUN ZELU I ES. Cheises; MC. 8; MP. Bishop of Landon. EP. 6.30, Rev O. R.

ST COLUMBA'S (Church of Scotland) Port Street: (Baptisma) 11. Very Rev R. L. Small: 6.20, Rev M. A. Carrie. CROWN COURT CHURCH (Church of Scotland, Russell Street, Covent Carden: 11.15. Rev J. Miller Scotl: HC. 12.20; 6.30, Rev J. Miller Scotl:

Professor David Ross Cousin, who has died at the age of 80, was Professor of Philosophy in the University of Sheffield from 1949 to 1969 and Dean of the Faculty of Arts from 1958 to 1961.

Stage and television actor Derek Francis, the actor, who nius to John Neville's Hamlet has died aged 60, was a and in 1958, at the close of the Londoner who made a con- Folio sequence. Griffith, the "honest chronicler" in Henry VIII with Edith Evans and John J theatre - especially in Shakes-Gielgud. Though only in his thirties

Still at the Vic (1959) he appeared, amusingly, as Bulwhen he acted at the Old Vic. he lamy in Pinero's farce The became familiar in parts older Magistrate (Michael Hordern in

didly reliable, he became known the main part). In television later, he did audience: indeed he had just much acclaimed work as the Deputy Prior, Brother Matthew. in Oh Brother! Jaggers in Great Winter Sunlight, with Elizabeth Expectations and Squeers in Born in 1923, he began acting Nickolas Nicklehy, and in such pieces as Rings on their Fingers, Bless Mc Father, and the recent Old Vic during the complete First Folio cycle in the 1950s. Winter Sunlight.

In 1982 he returned to Shakespeare as an assured Shylock at the Young Vic. and on tour. At the Theatre Royal, Stratford East, he played in Gas Troilus and Cressida (1956); that year he also played York in and Candles with Doris Hare.

Some critics outside Yugosla-

via felt that these and other

stories were tendentious. They

were; but, as most have admitted, they are wholly redeemed by the authenticity of

the material. Copic was not an

intellectual writer, his political

affiliations were sincere and simple, and to read him as a

Copic's immediate post-war

writing for adults was on the whole less good, since he was never wholly at case with the

obligatory socialist realist ap-

proach, but he was not at all the

kind of writer who could subvert this by innovatory

means. Nevertheless, parts of

his four novels have great merit,

especially The Noiseless Gun-powder (Gluvi barut. 1957), in

which he depicts two fanatic

types of communist, a commis-

sar and a partisan commander. That was his second novel; the

first. The Eruption (Prolom.

1952) was sprawling and far too

long. Later fiction, though fundamentally serious dealt more comically and relaxedly

with the difficulties of rural

Bosnians in adjusting to the

to terms with the problems

presented to him by the

obligation to adhere to the party

line: he found he was able to-

poke fun at solemn bureaucrats.

without offending the higher

From about 1960 Copic came

Communist present.

Derek Francis was also an Richard II and Leonato in artist and expert puppet maker. Much Ado About Nothing.

During 1957, he played among many other parts Polodaughters.

artist and expert puppet maker. He was married, with two daughters.

BRANKO COPIČ

wrongly.

DEREK FRANCIS

Branko Copić, the popular Bosnian short-story writer, novelist, dramatist, poet and, perhaps above all, children's author, has died aged 70. according to the Tanjug news

siderable reputation in

peare - and on television.

than his years. Always splen-

on television to a far wider

appeared in a four-part serial,

after war service and was

particularly prominent at the

Thus he was an eloquent

Agamennon in Tyrone Guth-

rie's unexpected treatment of

Sellars.

agency.

He was one of the leading contemporary Yogoslav writers in the Serbian language. His output, particularly of children's tales, was immense: at least eighty volumes, some of

them long. Branko Copić was born on New Year's Day 1915 at Hasani in the Bosanska Krajina Region of Bosnia - a sensationally beautiful and rugged landscape of poor parents. He spent his childhood there, but moved to Beigrade at the age of 19 to attend the Beigrade School of

Liberal Arts. Before the war broke out in Yugoslavia he had already established himself as a writer of vivid tales of his people: poor, deprived of even the necessities of life, but courageous, colourful, lively and proud. Critics, who awarded him two quite important prizes in this pre-war period, praised his capacity for evoking charac-

In 1941 Copic joined and fought with Tito's partisans, and from this experience he created his most famous and best-loved character, Nikoletine Bursaé – an enormous, primi-tive, "backward" young pea-sant, a machine-gunner of warmth and humour, with a officials, since his work was sound-hearted dislike of Nazis, interpreted as "constructive Copie's stories about this criticism". These later stories character, who assumed legend-ary proportions and became a are distinguished for the mannational folk hero, were col- ner in which they reproduce the lected in 1956 as Adventures of Nikoletine Bursac.

This was succeeded by further volumes, but un-

wonderfully rich speech habits of his fellow Bosnians. Copic was a writer who both entertained and enriched and fortunately not even a selection he has undoubtedly attained a has been translated into Eng- secure place not only in Serbian but in Yugoslav literature.

Consequently, as a priest he was

Walsingham where he estab-

lished the Slipper Chapel Shrine

was greatly loved by

students and the poor of the city

A charming eccentric of a

deep and dynamic spirituality,

His pastoral

MGR BRUNO SCOTT-JAMES

The Bishop of Leeds writes: Monsignor Bruno Scott- in great demand as a Preacher James, the English Canon of and Counsellor. Santa Maria in Trastevere. Rome, died in a Brighton roughly divided between two nursing home on March 16 at remarkable apostolates: one at the age of 77.

Best known for his great translation of the Letters of St opened by Cardinal Bourne in Bernard a work to be found in 1934. The other was his all libraries. he was also a pastorate in the Bassi of Naples remarkable character with a and the university there, where vast range of friends and he lived in great poverty and acquaintances.

Of a Devonshire family he always had some thing of the to whom he bequeathed his mystique of the Moor about small earthly belongings. him. He was a classical scholar of some distinction, and one of the founders of the Virgil with a special charisma for Society. In addition he acquired communication with youth, he

a great knowledge of the Early will be missed by innumerable Fathers and Patristic writings. friends and acquaintances.

MR R. W. STURGE Mr Raymond Wilson Sturge. agency founded by his father, who died on March 30 at the age of 79, was chairman of Lloyd's of London from 1964 to

1966 and a leading figure in the He was born on June 10.

Arthur Lloyd Sturge, who was himself also chairman of Lloyd's.

After serving in the Royal Scots Fusiliers in the Second World War Sturge was first elected to the committee of Lloyd's in 1953, and became deputy chairman in 1963. In 1967-68 he was president of the Insurance Institute of London.

MR WALTER LAWRENCE

Mr Walter Lawrence, a championship, which at that adding rackets professional of time was played in America. He N. F. writes: leading rackets professional of the inter-war years, died on March 27 at Marlborough. Lawrence was born at Mari-

On the outbreak of war in 1914, his territorial battalion of the Wiltshire Regiment was sent to India. Later he saw service in Mesopotamia, where he was mentioned in dispatches, and

assistant at the Marlborough

College Rackets Court.

Russia during the revolution. In 1919 he was appointed Oueen's Club, where he played of Wales and the Aga Khan, and Dan Maskell was one of the ball College.

in 1929 he won the Professional Rackets Champion-ship, but lack of money prevented him from ever

had a vicarious success in 1937. won the world title; Milford borough in 1895. Leaving attributed much of his skill to school at 13, he worked as an practice with Lawrence, whom practice with Lawrence, whom he regarded as one of the finest forehand players the game had produced. In 1948, on his retirement

from Marlborough College Lawrence became the secretary to Mr (later Sir) Gordon Richards, the champion jockey. who was his friend for over 50. assistant professional at the years. He was an honorary.
Prince's Club and later at the member of the Tennis and Rackets Association and of the regular matches with the Prince Old Mariburian Club. His lively personality and capacity for friendship made him a much boys. In 1922 he became loved figure to Mariburians. professional at Mariborough both from the town and the college.

His wife. Dorothy, died in 1976 and he is survived by a son and two daughters."

Rear-Admiral Michael Southcote Townsend, CB, DSO, OBE DSC, who died on March 23. was Commander Allied Naval Forces, Northern Area. Central Europe, from 1958-

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Lonely landmarks in a prairie war

Some of this country's finest hedgerows predate the sighting of Viking longships off

Lindisfarne; others have disappeared in increasing numbers, victims of modern

agriculture. Alan Hamilton looks at part of our national heritage under threat

Unkempt about those hedges blows an unofficial English rose. But it blows less every year; Rupert Brooke's England continues to vanish at a rate that is nothing short of alarming, as the inexorable westward march of the corn belt irons the traditional patchwork landscape into the leatureless tablecloth of a Kansas prairie.

Mark well the hedge, for it is a most essential feature of the effect is to lend intimacy, mystery, colour and shade to the countryside, from the ancient oak-studded hawthorns of Kent, through the rulerstraight hawthorn and ash of the Midlands, to the beeches of Exmoor and the gorse-topped carth banks of Cornwall.

But mark it soon. At the end of the last war there were an estimated 620,000 miles of hedgerow, a calculation arrived at with the help of acrial pictures taken by the Luftwaffe with an eye to invasion. By 1974, when the Ministry of Agriculture had stopped giving erants to farmers to grub up hedges. an estimated 140,000 miles had disappeared. Only 20,000 had been lost to urban sprawl and wider roads; the rest went under the plough.

Since then statistics have been as thin on the ground as oaks in the Fens, but the little available data suggests that the rate of demolition has hardly slowed at all. Witness two recent surveys conducted by local branches of the Council for the Protection of Rural

At Thorpe Morieux in Suffolk they showed that the parish had 56.5 miles of hedge in 1950, 31 miles in 1977, and 26.8 miles by the end of 1982. Not much slowing down there. The parish of Brightwalton in west Berkshire had 80 miles of hedge in 1947, 50 miles in 1976, and 45 in 1981. Suffolk is becoming the county of the 200-acre field but in Berkshire, not usually regarded as prairie country, the losses are more surprising.

It is a tenacious myth that the "traditional" English landscape of today is essentially Georgian. Certainly two centuries of enclosure produced a frenzy of hedge-planting, but as many as half our hedges predate the agrarian revolution, particularly in Kent and Sussex, and in west and south-west England. Many are Saxon, ancient parish houndaries that wend erratically across the modern landscape. Such venerable growths are part of our national heritage, and ought to enjoy the same statutory protection as do much more recent works of man the

Ten years ago Dr Max Hooper of the Institute of Terrestrial Ecology at Hunting-don in Cambridgeshire devel-oped a method of dating hedges. and he still stands by it, with the proviso that it is only the roughest of guides. Marrying Shires botanical observation with ancient parish records, he concluded that a hedge was 100 years old for every major species in a 30-yard stretch, give or take a couple of centuries.

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longships were sighted off Lindisfarne, Although it is a useful rule of thumb, this method of calculation can be misleading - for example, in cases where early agricultural improvers planted mixed hed-

cider and dog rose; count only English rural scene. Its purpose is to define boundaries, protect stock, and shelter crops; its effect is to lend intimate. the principal trees and shrubs pricklier deterrent to man and beast than any barbed wire.

> British hedgerow plants, are traditionally associated with May Day, even at this carly stage in the year some hedges will be showing signs of life. The Glastonbury thorn, sprung by legend from the staff struck in the ground by Joseph of in the ground by Joseph of Arimathaea. can flower as early as Christmas.

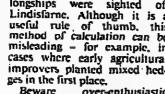
> Before long the cascades of elder will awake to blossom, both flowers and subsequent berries making an abundant offering to the hedgerow winemaker, soon to be followed by entanglements of bramble and wild rose. Even in deepest winter the hedgerow is not in total hibernation, its red-berry chains of the black bryony, child of the mandrake root, offering late winter feeding for

> In later season look among the stinging nettles and cow parsley for cuckoo pint, its clegant petals forming a slender hock glass. And if you come across bluebells, they are an indication that the hedge is probably not a planted one, but a remnant strip of the native woodland. Look too for young elm, for it is in the undisturbed hedgerows that a new generation is reestablishing itself.

about the enthusiam of farmers for ripping out hedges. As early as 1800 landowners who doubtless regarded themselves as being in the vanguard of progress were writing to the farming journals and to the Royal Agricultural Society on the wisdom of removing hedges which did little but occupy valuable land. Remove the hedge from the four sides of a

agricultural

But too much grubbing seems unnecessary to the point of vandalism. Does a farmer really have to tear up a hedge, not between fields, but between his Thus a hedge with 12 species - field and the road, to gain an and there are some - was extra two-yard strip of land



Beware over-enthusiastic counting of every intrusive

Although the flowers of the hawthorn, the commonest of

As there is nothing new under the sun, so is there nothing new 10-acre field, and you will have gained an extra acre of culti-

Today's vogue for hedgegrubbing is a direct result of the intensification which has been in full flood since 1945 and is now at fever pitch with the European Community's blatant bias towards cereal farming.

Town-dwellers too readily forget that the countryside is a workshop for those who live in it, before it is their playground. Why should a farmer be expected to combine-harvest a field designed in the days when the ideal draught for a pair of Shires was regarded as 264



Close encounter with an Anglo-Saxon hedge: Nigel Ajax-Lewis, conservation officer for Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Naturalist Trust, at Stanton St John, Oxfordshire

will only throw old mattresses into it.

But there are, thankfully, still plenty of farmers who value the flourishes best in the foxhunting counties, where a well-trimmed hedge provides a far better jump than any cheapjack postand wire sence, and on the estates of landowners who shoot, and who appreciate that a hedge will not only hide the guns, but will drive the birds upwards. And it is still appreciated by those who raise lowland sheep and cattle, or who cling to mixed farming in the face of European cereal bribery. The primary purpose of a hedge, even an ancient Saxon parish

cheaper, than any post and wire.

The key word is "well-tend-ed", it takes care and skill to manage a hedge, and requires some knowledge of ancient country crafts which, fortunately, are not quite lost. The Agricultural Training Board can still find old countrymen to. lecture to its occasional courses on the art of hedge-laying. Leave a hedge alone, and it

will grow high, wild and gappy at the bottom, with holes big enough to admit the heftiest bull. Laying is the technique of chopping the young branches about two-thirds of the way through, and bending them parallel with the ground into a

anyway? It happens, and farm-boundary marker, has always ers have been known id offer been as a stockproof barrier. A on poles of ash and finished upset when they see a hedge as England's stock of old the slender excuse that, if the well-tended hedge is more roadside hedge is there, people effective, more attractive, and will only throw old mattresses in the long run probably England once had its own the flatis; either the hedge has specially upset when they see a hedge as England's stock of old torn back to its bare skeleton by hazel. Almost every county of a flat cutter. It is not the fault of being reduced at frightening the flatis; either the hedge has specially one poles of ash and finished upset when they see a hedge as England's stock of old torn back to its bare skeleton by hazel. Almost every county of a flat cutter. It is not the fault of being reduced at frightening the flatis; either the hedge has specially one poles of ash and finished upset when they see a hedge as England's stock of old broadleaf woodland is also being reduced at frightening the flatis; either the hedge has specially one poles of ash and finished upset when they see a hedge as England's stock of old broadleaf woodland is also being reduced at frightening the flatis either the hedge has specially and hedge-sparrows. peculiar shape of billhook for the purpose, and some are still readily available.

The beauty of hedge-laying is that it is a job for the winter months, when farm work is slack, and when there is a limit to the number of floors to be swept and gates to be painted just for the sake of keeping the men employed. A skilled hedge-layer can tackle 20 yards in a day, and his artistry will last a good 15 years before the job needs to be done again. Galvanized wire-and-softwood posts do well to last beyond 10

Once laid, a hedge needs regular trimming to keep a good

been the victim of a once-in-alifetime attack, or the tractor driver has traversed it too quickly. Even then, any permanent damage is unlikely.

The man from Hampstead can wax equally irate when he sees a hedge cut back almost to its roots, but even severe coppicing of that kind is a perfectly respectable form of hedge management, a means of encouraging new growth close to the ground.

Wildlife will of course suffer temporarily, but not as much as some might imagine. The removal of hedges reduces the habitat of the hedgerow species, the chaffinches, the blackbirds

Society for the Protection of Birds agrees that, unless hedges are more or less completely area, the birds will simply move Government may be turning a into what remains and live in more sympathetic ear to the rather more crowded housing

But the point is that it is undesirable for wildlife to be squeezed into a few well-defined protected habitats, like onceproud American Indians forced on to reservations. Abundant

conditions than before.

the Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group, and the some county councils, now do their best to dissuade farmers from grubbing unless it is patently necessary, but they fight

There are hings that the notion of hedgerow conservation, but it is not made any easier by the entirely different priorities of the Department of the Environment and the Ministry of Agriculture.

Both might take a moment's heed of the poet George hedgerows ensure birdsong at Herbert, who in 1640 counevery roadside, down every selled: "Love your neighbour. yet pull not down your hedge". A few brave souls are trying But then the old boy was a to swim against the tide of cleric; what would he know of

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hedge-laying alive in Great Offley, Hertfordshire

planted before the Norsemen's which may not even be his HEDGEWATCH: A competition for young conservationists



is there an old and interesting hedgerow near you? We invite our younger readers to spend part of their Easter holidays exploring the countryside. Can you find a stretch of hedge

with a variety of trees and shrubs, that looks as if it has been there for a very long time? What species carn you find growing in it? How old do you think it is, and why was it planted? Can you spot any birds or animals in it? Is it useful? ideally, you should take a 30-yard stretch. Make a drawing of the hedge, the plants and any wildlife you can find in it. Then, in not more than 250 words, describe the that looks as if it has been there for than 250 words, describe the hedge and its history. To help you, we asked an artist, Robin Jacques, whose drawing appears on the left, to depict some of the most

hedge. But remember, do not trespass on farmers' land, and do not damage wild plants or crops.
There are two categories: for children aged 7 to 11, and for those aged 12 to 16. Prizes of £50 will be awarded to the winner and £25 to

the runner-up in each category. Do not forget to include your full name, not torget to include your full hains, address and age. Closing date is Friday, May 4. Send your entries to: Hedgerows, The Times, 12 Coley Street, London WC99 9YT. Employees of Times Newspapers Ltd and their families are ineligible. The Times reserves the right to publish winning entries: Entries cannot be returned. The Editor's

Grubbing that goes against the grain

Take the A505, the old Icknield under its farm improvement Way, from Baldock, in Hert-fordshire, towards Royston. At The scheme came to an end in the top of the hill, pause and look to your right. Continue glancing to the right for the next were made in 1976. The several miles, and you will see commonly held belief that several miles, and you will see as dreary and damning an example as can be found anywhere of how intensive agriculture has changed the face of the English countryside.

"You've just crossed the biggest field in Europe", a friend told us as we arrived for lunch one winter Sunday. It was doubtless an exaggeration, but under a carpet of snow the view was vividly reminiscent of Canada, Unlike Canada, however, where great open spaces under huge skies can be exhilarating, in Hertfordshire they are alien and dispiriting.

Apart from the wholesale destruction of woodlands, the removal of hedges is the most visible sign of agrarian vandal-ism in the cause of profit. East Anglia is generally cited as the worst afflicted region. In fact, much of Norfolk and Suffolk has been spared, and retains its rural intimacy and seclusion. The main "prairie" belt runs north from Hertfordshire, through Cambridgeshire and the Fens into Lincolnshire.

Farmers are inclined to argue with some historical justifi-cation, that this part of the country never had many hedges anyway. But the same is certainly not true of, say, Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Hampshire, where in places the character of the landscape has been totally changed.

The wholesale removal of edges began in earnest after the last war when they came to be seen as less of a convenience and more of a nuisance. The fields they enclosed were simply too small for the efficient use of modern machinery and the Ministry of Agriculture insti-tuted grants for hedge removal

1973, the year Britain joined the EEC, and the last payments farmers are still paid to grub up hedges, and that some or all o the money comes from Brussels is thus a misconception. However, membership of the

EEC has encouraged prairie farming, as disproportionately suaded people to switch from livestock to arable farming. In an ideal Arcadian country

side, the conservationist lobby would have hedges protected by some form of planning consent, and they are disappointed that the government whips blocked the attempts of Labour MP. Peter Hardy in 1982 to introduce a bedgerow conservation Bill. He pointed out that many of the parliamentary enclosure acts stipulated that hedges then planted should be maintained

in perpetuity".

Meanwhile, the Council for the Protection of Rural England has campaigned for changes in the EEC agricultural directives to allow grants to be made for wildlife and landscape conservation and not just for "im-provement". It has described the Government's attitude as obdurate and negative, and has accused the Department of the Environment of allowing the Ministry of Agriculture to call

the tune. There have recently been signs that the two departments are prepared to, or have been ordered to, work more closely together to promote conse vation. So far so good, but the main effects are likely to be on moorland, marshes and woods which can be easily identified as environmentally important. A hedge is only a hedge.

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of day anywhere. Birmingham or Bombay; but in Bombay fire. humanity's nerve-ends are more exposed. The living grey bundles of wastage, rise from pavements upon which they defecate, they begin to probe for negotiable garbage among the city's left-overs, something,

move. Some of them - of the Parsee faith ~ are carried to the abandoned. unwrapped, to the gathering vultures.

"Ram Nam Sach Hai": "The useless. As Graham Greene wrote of a parallel situation: They won't believe the world they haven't noticed is like

By 7.30am breakfast is being served by the pool at the Taj Mahal hotel: papaya, eggs and bacon, coffee. It is a splendid hotel, facing the Gateway of India built in 1911 to commemorate the King Emperor's visit. this absorption with the incluctable; we must learn to avert

Five o'clock in our eyes from the Harijan admission to Adinath Jain morning colonies where the "untouch- Temple, it is taboo even for are well-trodden. The south is and the quick ables" dwell and concentrate on married couples to show affecand the dead are more benign aspects. Such as tion for each other in public: on the move. It cricket All over Bombay "nets" one is reminded that 90 per cent beguiling time click of leather striking willow, are still "arranged", Yet for all

yes:erday a fire which must corner of the globe is no less remain ever alive...", said venal than Washington or remain ever alive...", said Gandhi in 1921. It has never have slept. They stretch they gone out, the flames are crime reports. imperishable - despite famine. is India's miracle: in defiance of anything that will buy a bowl of all the universe's known haz- able: Gandhi sharing the city ards, the nation survives, just as The dead are also on the the Mahatma survived fasts nove. Some of them - of the during his 17 years at Mani-Bhavan, the house in Labur-Tower of Silence where they are num Road, which is open today their as a museum.

It must be that God in his several natures, smiles upon India: and in thanks for his name of God is truth". This is munificence India observes how it is. But I know that anachronistic morality. The wealth, of beggas who die in argument, that illustration, are kissing never has to stop doorways and mothers who because it has never started, Even in the dream factories cinemas which proliferate as far as remote country areas - the stars are celluloid deities, hero and heroine never crossing caste. or religious barriers, exchanging passion in glances, nothing

more potent. Morality is everything. At the entrance to Sir Phrozeshah Mehta's Gardens, bylaws reiterate that "bad deeds are pro-hibited": "ladies in monthly period are not

are already in swing, with the - or is it more? - of marriages Indian cricket is all dash and this Bombay is scarcely innocent; the daily columns of the "Bombay the beautiful lit Times of India report that this

Rome. Rape features high in

What do I find memorable plague, drought, flooding. This about Bombay? The brainwarping anomalies are memorwith Kipling, random statistics that Bombay produces more movies than Hollywood; the sight of a cosmopolitan Indian taking his Gucci shoes for a walk along spittle-clogged pave-ments, in Bombay, as in Delhi, I am reminded that I am in a country of 700 million people. of 300 languages, of incalculable

> become beggars. I, martyr to a low boredomthreshold, am never bored here. There are the lunch-carriers, dabbawallas, to watch, cool breezes off the sea at Chowpatty Beach to savour, savouring too hhel-puri spicy snacks from

> maim children so they may

And always I am reminded that the great cities of Bombay. sion at the land's end bathing Calcutta, Madras, are of less relevance to the Indian condition than the least accessible village; for the heart and the truth of India lie in the country, not in the cities. Lok Sabba parliamentary debates in New Delhi are all very well, but pale in significance compared with the state of the village well.

After 48 hours I was ready to leave Bombay, flying south to Trivandrum in the state of Kerala - where an unusual strike was in progress. Primary hunger strike outside the Secretariat building, their charpoys assembled into an open-air dormitory amid the flies and diesel fumes. They looked listless, as one would expect after seven days' fasting. In answer to my question, they replied with academic gravity that they were prepared to die; and I believed them.

South India may be the wrong choice for first-time visitors, who usually elect the northern route, where the paths more hermetic manacled to tradition . . . so that it is a shock to experience Kovalam Beach. six miles from Trivandrum. with its dubious seam of

"Dubious" because they came seeking distraction, and in so doing sowed corruption. The sheltered fishing villagers were not used to sexual exhibitionism, to marijuana. They were scandalized, then intrigued; and, being intrigued, were already half-converted. So there was trouble and the police came to Kovalam. After them came the speculators who provided the hippies with lodgings with swinging names like "No plane

to Catch". "My Dream".

Woodstock". Kovalam no

longer belongs to itself. Kanniyakumari, four hours' drive south of Kovalam, remains pure; indeed it is blessed with purity by the goddess who eternally protects the legend that Parvathi in one of her incarnations as Devi Kanya, did enance to obtain the hand of Lord Siva. This is the southern-most tip of India, where waters of the Arabian Sea, Indian Ocean and Bay of Bengal meet; it is also one of the most important pilgrim centres in the

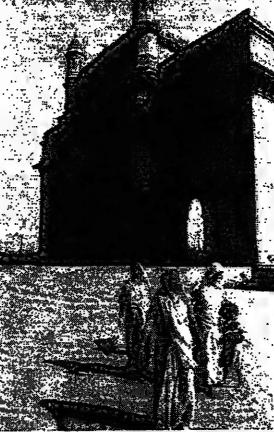
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On the journey south they may have paused at Padmana-bhapuram Palace, built in 1550, housing scenes from Ramayana carved on panels; or they may have prayed at Suchindrum, the Thanumalayan temple dating from the ninth century, which contains a huge effigy of Hanuman, the monkey god. To gain admission non-Hindu men must resort to subterfuge, adopting the dhoti, going barefoot.

But the ultimate rite is by immersion at Kanniyakumari, the ghat teeming at that hour before sunset where humankind and the deities seem in closest orbit. Male and female forms, chest high in the sea, dunk themselves repeatedly, their lips moving in near-ecstasy, emerg-ing sleek as scals, reborn in

On another day I drove 158 miles from Trivandrum to Periyar tiger reserve, high in the Sahyadris, the western ghats on





Power and glory: The Gateway of Iudia, a legacy of the Raj, in Bombay (left), and the Lake Palace Hotel in Udaipur

the Kerala-Tamil Nadu border. Or rather, I was driven, since it is virtually impossible to hire a car without a driver.

It is a long hauf along appalling roads, other dust swirling in a sirocco behind vehicles. When, in ancient times, the gods wanted to chastise us, I suspect that they rubbed mountains together, as we grind nutmeg, shaking the grit on to India as through a

The road slices through the green of paddy and the greener green of tea plantations, climbing past villages choked with poverty but breathing with indomitable spirit. Each peasant girl, many of that classical non-Aryan Tamil blood, walks like a princess as if towards the proffered hand of Siva, modestly yet knowingly. The men are beautiful too; and marked by vanity - the Indian is quick on the draw with his pocket

there is so much to dislike, I continue to love India. I hate the apathy which laps against its moral foundations, as corrosive uides besiege the doomed masonry of Venice. I shudder at

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the petty bureaucracy which has somehow turned ineptness into an art form, an inverse perfec-tion, it's not merely that things don't work, it's that they don't work on such a Wagnerian. scale.

I abhor the dirt; the beggars. lepers, dwarfs and maimed distress my western sensitivities. And I resent the fact that the Raj created Indians in the image of a not-quite-English gentleman. But it doesn't matter, none of it matters, if India has you by the throat.

That night I slept at Periyar rest house in a cell-like room for which I paid a penny or two over £1. The sheets smelled as if they were washed in curry-powder, but there was a tap and an electric fan. By 6am was aboard a launch on the lake, minutes past first light, when game is stirring. With cirrhosis of the environment wasting such tracts of land: it was reassuring to be at Periyar. Even though the tiger never came that dawn. A herd of elephants played surrogate instead, moving inexorably so

When I was a child ... I understood as a child: now I am a man I am glad I have not put away those childish things which made that sight at Periyar

In Cochin, back on the coast seven hours' drive from the reserve. I went to St Francis church where the mortal re- 63,000 souls reside in Ooty.

that the earth trembled.

mains of Vasco da Gama lie and where I read that the register of baptism from 1830contains only English names. In the streets, at 5ft I lin. I felt like Gulliver among a race of hmwn-skinned. delicatelyboned Lilliputians.

In the Mattancherry quarter I paid my respects to the Jewish synagogue built in 1568, where seven families - the last perhaps of an unbroken line their devotions. In Cochin I watched the Chinese fishing nets cast upon the waters; and in Cochin I planned my strategy for the invasion of Ooty.

Udhagamandalam, Ootacamund, or just plain Ooty, are one and the same, "Queen of Hill Stations", where government officials of the Raj. mentsahihs and their polo-plays ing husbands from the Bangal Lancers: withdrew from the heat of the plains to a height where they could wear their winter tweeds at 7,400ft. Arum lilies grow wild in

Ooty, log-fires crackle, you need a hot-water bottle; your cultural needs are served by the Gowda Talkies Picture House and by Higginbotham's Bookshop.

Ooty, when all is said and done, remains a quaint chunk of history, a sort of Toytown where Larry the Lamb bleats in Tamil and Mr Mayor replies in Hindi or Malayalam, It should not be taken too seriously; yet it should not be dismissed, for

including six or seven British who, for whatever reason. cannot bear the separation of departure. Only is home, and evermore shall be so.

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in Ooty I stayed at The Savoy, and when I pulled the bath-plug there was a tragic gurgle as water flooded the room. I crawled beneath the tub, geyser and all, as car mechanics inspect oil-sumps. But nothing was attached to anything of significance. "Most unhappy", said the receptionist. coming.

I stayed three days but Mr Mukherjee never did come. His appearance would have disillusioned me, because I never believed he would.

Returning to Bombay by way of Mysore, I thought about the Bang. I used to believe that when it came, and one survivor ... crawled from the ashes, he would be Chinese. Upon reflection. I think he will be joined by an Indian. The difference will be in their. -

reaction to holocaust: on hauling himself from the crater, the Chinese will look around for suitable premises to open a betting shop. The Indian. unsurprised at survival, will his usual squatting position before patting his body all wer - not testing for broken, bones, merely to check that his comb is intact.

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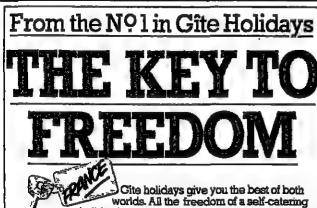
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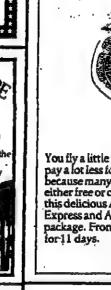
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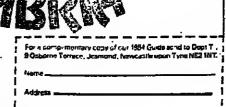
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Splash of colour at the shallow end



vises beginning in Delhi. Newcomers find it alarming Bombay Calcutta, and

they say, and it is the best place to start a tour of the showplaces of Rajastan. A night or two at the Lake Palace at Udaipur is more or less mandatory, and at Jaipur the Palace of Winds and the Amber Palace are on every itinerary, And so, of course, is the Taj Mahal at Agra. This is the milk-run, the most

popular circuit of tourist India. It covers only a small area of the northern plain and can be packaged into a week, It is the shallow end of the Indian experience and I was quite prepared to begin mine with it. Until the recent rush of films and television plays set and photographed in India, my

iourneys there had been imaginary ones through the minds' eyes of Kipling, Scott and Rushdic, So, although all those palaces turned out to be very line - just as pretty and plush as the glimpses offered in Octo-pussy and The Jewel in the frain - the best thing about being there was filling in a rundred and one colours, smells, sights, sounds and textures, it was one of the most interesting weeks I have spent anywhere.

The street life of the present is even more captivating than

the art of the past.
All the bicycles in Delhi are gents. They are dark, thicklimbed, long wheel-based; and on them, men so thin that they look like boys spin about their business. On foot or wheelhorne, the crush is like the road to Wembley on Cup Final day. The ancient Morrises, Triumphs and Fiats which make up the bulk of the motor

Michael Watkins flew London-Bombay by Air India (£1,854 first

class return, group economy return, £425): Full economy fare

fares with British Airways. Internally, Indian Airlines are

chean: but be prepared to pay

to substantial surcharge. Hotel guide lines: Taj Mahal,

does not, as in the case of many airlines, guarantee Club Class and it would be advisable to compare

cash, since credit cards are subject

Bombay: £56 double: The Savoy, Ooty: £16 double. There are Innumerable hotels and rest

houses charging £1 to £4 double, but do not expect luxury. Even in

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five-star hotels two can dine for £6-£8; elsewhere haive that price.

Leading tour operators are urging the Maltese government

to introduce a "tourist pound"

in the number of visitors from

the United Kingdom, traditionally the island's most important

The Tour Operators Study Group, which represents 17

leading holiday companies, says

bookings to Malta are currently

running 25 per cent below last year's level, while the number

of British visitors to the island

in the last winter season was

the underlying problem is the "artificially high" value of the Maltese pound against sterling.

which means that a holiday in a

first-class hotel can cost hetween £50 and £100 more

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But Mr Joe Grima, Malta's

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"just not possible" because it would be too difficult to

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market.

population seem at first to be astonishingly preserved. But they are not. India bought old manufacturing plant from Cowley, Coventry and Turin, and some of these period pieces are still in production.

Right of way is accorded to greater bulk. Bicycle gives way to car gives way to bus. On thin country roads drivers stick stekeningly late to the central strip of tarmac before lurching out of the path of the oncoming vehicle. Through villages they play chicken with the poultry and the children. Sacred cows. gaunt and calm, play stately havoc with the traffic at city iunctions.

Street curries eaten from the leaf

In Chadni Chowk, the artery of old Delhi that gives its name to the bazaar district, bullock carts and donkeys dice with trucks and motorized trishaws in an arresting din of bells and hooters. Narrowing streets funuel into the labyrinth until at its centre thay have shed carts, then scooters, and finally the alleys support only men and

bicycles. Tiny shops, like open cupboards set a foot or two above the street, are floored with thin mattresses covered, immaculately, in rough white cotton, In one lane the trade is in sparkling metallic ribbons and sequins; in another it is in right plastic buckets and gaudy tin basins. Nearby, every shop in sight is selling fabric. And from dark gaps between these tidy retailers come wild spicy smells of cooking. Big leaves serve as plates for street curries caten with the fingers or with wooden ice-cream spades.

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ledge to be sure that the waves of glittering women in gilded saris who melted down the marble staircase of Delhi's Taj Mahal Hotel to a wedding party in the gardens were dressed in new money. They were breath-takingly lovely anyway, though no more so than the slender, straight-backed village girls with silver anklets and full skirts with heavy hems in pinks and oranges of truly shocking violence,

Perhaps Delhi had been buffed up a bit for the Commonwealth prime ministers' conference. Certainly when I was there in November New Delhi was cool and groomed. There were beggars and touts and cripples about in the old city, but none of the harrowing confrontations with death and disease I had half expected to

Despite the dust and the dirt, there are surprisingly few unpleasant smells and a great many good ones. The dung fires I had read about so often as the to sleep alone amid such smell of India smell marvellous. splendour. like the garden bonfires, and their smoke winds low among the houses and trees at dawn and dusk. And spices which performe the air at every turn have clearer, stronger, more varied tastes and smells than any which find their way to Britain. The effect is of a full symphony orchestra after

chamber music. The scent of almond oil now has an Indian dimension, too, an association with the country's rather rough system of massage. Its rhythms are quite

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£329. Staying on an extra weak in Dulhi conta £121. These holidays feature in the Wings Faraway

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"sights" that is not adequately explained and described in the guidebooks. Except perhaps that every one of them has some extra and delightful dimension. In the gardens of the Red Fort in the heart of old Delhi it is the great green parrots with scarlet beaks and very small grey squirels with white chipmunk stripes. At the winter palace at Udaipur it was the elephant beds - great stone wedges against which the elephants could slumber without fear of being unable to rise.

At the Lake Palace Hotel which is the sister summer palace in sight of the winter one (the maharana has yet another for the rainy season on a nearby hill) it was the great swing in my astonishingly claborate room. A bunch of averagely jaded scribes is not often stirred into rushing about like a gang of excited children showing each other their rooms, The Mail on Sunday's chandelier would not have disgraced the Albert Hall and The Guardian had the better part of a mirrored wing all to himself, It did seem a pity

The Taj Mahal and the taste of bears

Then there were the dancing bears, seen first in medieval looking outline far ahead on the road from Agra airport to the Taj Mahal. We slowed and stopped and more bears appeared from the bushes, bla dusty and mean-eyed. Each bear was attached to a ragged man or boy by a loop of rope and a stick. The places where the ropes had been threaded through their foreheads had long ago healed, but their ghastly snouts were eroded and broken by the jerking, moneymaking ropes.

Not even the Taj Mahal could quite take away the taste of the bears. It might have done in moonlight, or if there had not been such crowds, so many to produce a fresh pot of tea at 5.30am at the Rambur Palace Hotel at Jaipur, And the doctor of the Taj Mahai Hotel in Delhi appeared within 15 minutes of being called, jangling transistors, or so many volunteers to mind the shoes which must be shed on its steps. In the warm afternoon light its marble looked greasy with hand and footprints and inside a guide was holding a torch against the inlay of semi-precious stones to make its colours glow more brightly. Guides can destroy the magic of anywhere when they really try.

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We are becoming a nation of touch of distinction to the gadget-loving gourmets. After generations of good plain cooking, we are demanding the source for design is known from his branch under their own name at most unexpected kitchen equip- home-furnishing shops in Esher 3 North Row, The Market, ment. from chocolate-dipping and Beaconsfield. Two years Covent Garden, London WC2. forks to lemon zesters, from ago he opened his first cook- find that their basics have duck presses to couscousieres. Hence the rise of the cookshop.

Twenty years ago, if you wanted specialist cookware you had only two alternatives -Elizabeth David or France. mother used or did without. overcame the buyer barrier and picked up the trend. What had been hardwear, glass, china, centres.

idea and are bringing cookshops to smaller towns. They already have put 102 in their larger branches or in the former Timothy White's stores which they acquired 15 years ago. By this time next year they will have 160, a development costing £5m.

The Timothy White con-nexion is important, as it has clearly had an influence on the merchandise offered. As long ago as 1975 Boots started to experiment with different schemes in different branches before deciding on the right mix of merchandise. They had the "customer flow" - their research shows that seven in 10 women go to Boots at least once a week - while Timothy White comfortable to use; although had the kitchen-product exper-

The result is a much greater emphasis on electrical kitchen equipment than you will find in specialist cookshops: 20 per cent of their stock consists of coffee makers, slow cookers, kettles, food mixers and processors and microwave ovens, and 15 per cent is in the sodastream type of drink-making equipment.

Boots have developed their own brand of kitchen tools and gadgets, called Professional Range, which are all very reasonably priced. They have also achieved a degree of coordination by keeping pans and tinware to bold primary colours with matching linens. This season there is also a pretty range in pastels to keep in step with the current fashion.

The main problem company has to face when designing and stocking a new shop is how to create the right atmosphere for its section of the market. While Boots are sticking to their good-value, middleof-the-road image, Peter Knight, who has recently taken of-the-road his first two steps towards a cookshop empire. is adding a

shop at 10 South Street, changed very little over the Dorking jand last year he years. However they have expanded to 156 Walton Road, recently specialized in English East Molesey.

with the sort of beautifully hearts and hexagons and in all North of Chelsea you used what finished pine display units that sizes from 5in to 14in, and in would make attractive shelving chocolate-making equipment. Then came David Mellor and in a domestic kitchen: and

The serious equipment includes some interesting all-glass pans and casseroles by Ceradur which can be taken straight from the freezer and placed on an electric hotplate (or on a gas ring, if you use a diffuser).
They have plain white bases

and clear tops and lids, and they

The kitchen is no longer the place where we economize'

are surprisingly light and not non-stick, they are easy to clean. There are saucepans, casseroles and frying pans in plain white or with a floral design from £11.95 to £21.95.

The glassware is particularly good. A range of bowls by Arcoroc comes in five sizes, from 41/2 to 12 in diameter. Although they cost from as little as 80p to £4.95, they have none of the awful moulded look of cheap glass. There are some neat Danish stacking wine glasses, which are good for picnics, and if you want the home-grown product, you can choose Dartington or Mac-

The gadgetry is fascinating. If you cannot live without a buttering board which holds your crispbread and prevents it from breaking while you slap on the polyunsaturate, it will cost 47p: a nicely streamlined knife sharpener has rubber feet to keep it firm while you hone your carver (£4.95); and a rubber pad called a Screwy Lewy helps you open tight screw lids (75p).

How are the old-established specialists reacting to the newcomers? Covent Garden Kitchen Supplies, who took

tinware for cake-making, in the The two cookshops are fitted shape of numerals, letters.

Divertimenti, at 68 Maryle-Divertimenti, but it was years although they look expensive, bone Road, London WI, and before the department stores there is no sense of claustrophobia as there is in many SW3, are also finding a great small, exclusive shops. The demand for cake-making equipservice is attentive without ment and for specialized equipelectrical and linen departments being pushy, and there is a ment for barbecues. They pride came together to form kitchen remarkable selection of small, themselves particularly on the shops within shops in main city inexpensive items as well as the expert advice and demonentres.

casseroles and terrines you strations they can give to
Now Boots have adopted the would expect. The balance here customers looking for mixers is about 30 per cent pure and processors. They are also cookware to 70 per cent semi-functional and giftware. running four-week cookery courses at Fulham Road: £68 for eight two-hour lessons (twice-weekly on Tuesdays and Thursdays), or £8.50 for a single lesson. A new series starts in May (telephone 01-581 8065 for

a brochure). Divertimenti simply do not consider themselves in the same market as the high-street cook-shops. David Mellor, on the other hand, is giving the new trend serious consideration. He feels the best way of counteracting the influx of cookshops is to become "even more specialized and more original".

The pride of his collection is his range of pans in very highquality aluminium and stainless steel. He is still looking for matching quality in enamel, but so far can only find it in Germany, where the pans are the wrong shape for the British market - apparently, we like long handles because we do a lot of boiling.

The one thing we don't seem to boil over about is price. The kitchen is no longer the place where we make economies, and the only people who did not make a success of kitchen shops were a franchise chain who set their prices too low. "It makes sense to spend

more on your cookware than on your curtains", says Peter Knight. "When you are entertaining your guests, they focus on the table, and that's where you make your impression. "And whether you like it or

not, it's the man who motivates the woman to buy. She won't spend a lot on a big purchase without consulting her husband and he's the one who says: 'Go on, let's have it'. As often as not he's the one who actually uses

What was that about a woman's place?



Left to right from top: Couscousière £17.16 Divertimenti; fish moulds £6.95 each, salad bowl £4.95 Peter Knight Cookshops; biscuit tin £3.95, place mat £1.25, oven mitt £2.95, cup from 30 piece set £29.95 Boots Cookshops; egg mould £4.50, chicken mould £2.38 Divertimenti; four wine glasses £4.95, glass frypan £16.95, asparagus holder £2.20 Peter Knight; stainless steel

pan £20.53 David Mellor; knife sharpener £4.95 Peter Knight; oven thermometer £4.95, mallet £1.45, poultry shears £3.95 Boots; alphabet cutters £10.71 Covent Garden Kitchen Supplies: garlic press £2.50 Peter Knight; chocolate dipping fork £4.59, dipping circle £2.80, rabbit cake tin £4.52, numeral

What's cooking in the food capital of the world

Paris is the food capital of the world and Les gone but the area still has many of the features that have made it a magnet for dedicated cooks. It contains several of the most famous Parisian kitchen shops which stock an enormous range cooking equipment and

Three of the best are within a short walk of each other. Go first to A. Simon, a glossy emporium established in 1884 at 36 Rue Etienne Marcel. Sturdy custom-made restaurant and

Heavy, plain stainless steel cutlery, slightly larger than the Beryl Downing British equivalent, comes in The firm's own brand of Upstairs is a collection of Beryl Downing several patterns and is solid and carbon steel knives are a exquisite old and new linens.

comfortable to hold. Prices start bargain. A vegetable knife, for at about £1.25 for knives, 75p for forks and spoons. Those with coloured handles come in a its centre. The wider range of colours than is wholesale vegetable market has available in England and are about £1 each.

A. Simon also stocks those

ressed stainless steel oval dishes which are used in every French case routier for frites and hors d'oeuvres: they are so pretty that it is no wonder that they are left on the table for you to help yourself. The 10in size costs £3.50. Just around the corner, at 18

Rue Coquillère, is E. Debillerion, a shop for very serious cooks. Inside it looks like a brasserie crockery are on warehouse, with cheerful, blue-display, together with those overalled men to help you find solid glasses used in bars your way around the maze of throughout France.

whisks, wooden spoons, rolling pins and wire-baskets, hung like dried flowers from the ceiling.

example, comes at £1.80. This is also the place to find every kind of copper pan, at reasons prices. A tiny sancepan in the

heaviest gauge is £9.50. Dehillerion also has a highly covetable range of small portable items, from fancy steel skewers to plain wooden spatulas. An Bain Marie, at 20 Rue

Hérold, is a chic antique shop for gourmets where everything has been selected with great There are sets of beautiful old.

knives, toast racks, silver sugar tongs, decanters, glasses, nap-kin rings and eight kinds of oyster plate; elegant large silver entrée dishes, egg cups, coffee, pois, 1930s cockiail glasses and witty cocktail sticks; baskets of inexpensive bakelite salad servers and ice cream spoons.

It is a perfect place to find a special present or just indulge yourself. Bain Marie has another branch 100 yards away at 2 Rue de Mail which sells rare and modern cookery books. The Genviève Léthu chain

specializes in stylish modern houseware - clear and brightly coloured perspex salad bowls at £7, wood-and-wire cheese safes at £12. Tiny gold-plated sance whisks priced at less than £1 make amusing token presents. The chain's shops are at the Forum les Halles, level 2, 6 Rue Pirovette and 1 Avenue Niel,

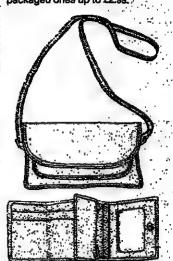
For shoppers with cars, china and porcelain are a very good buy. At Galleries Lafayette the cheapest 10in dinner plate was about 65p, and there was a wide choice at about £1. Lovers of plain white Limoges porcelain should visit l'Arc en Ciel, at 8 Rue Bayen for seconds.

Jean Stern



Lest we forget ...

K always infuriates me that the price of flowers rockets whenever there is a traditional festival. The traders call it supply and demand. call it greed. So an attractive, last-minute alternative for mothering Sunday, tomorrow, is the set of small pots litustrated above. They are decorated with red Busy Lizzies, £9.99 and there is a matching mini-watering can £7.99 from Marks & Spencer. But if only flowers will do, the most delightful buy of the week is a miniature Japanese azalea, 10in high and covered with a profusion of tiny pink blossoms. I keep mine in the office and it works like a puppy – everybody comes and talks to me about it. You can have one, too, from Woolworths. The nicest are in plain plastic pots at 99p, or there are more elaborate packaged ones up to £2.99.



Bags of talent

I am indebted to a Shopfront reader for the discovery of Tula bags, stocked by a young company with rather unconventional beginnings. Two of the directors were trekking round South America with backpacks when they came across rulas - box-shaped bags made in Colombia - imported "a few hundred" and when they sold well found themselves in business. They started with luggage and now have a good range of handbags and small leathergoods as well. I liked the neat shoulder bag (illustrated), a smaller style which looks attractive with summer clothes. It is in soft cream cowhide with a flock lining and detachable shoulder strap (£26.95) and has a matching purse wallet which at 4in × 4½in is an ideal size to fit into an evening bag too. In several other colours, 213.95. Available from Aliders of Croydon and the beg only at Fenwicks of Bond Street.

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While visiting a house in ding bouquets, this plant is also Kensington Square about 10 known as the wattle. It is a days ago I was most impressed native of Australia - an by a specimen of Acacia indication of its hardiness. The true acacia should not be

dealbata, better known as mimosa, in full flower. The confused with the false acacia, scent as well as the magnifi- also known as Robinia Pseudoacence of the flowers was a joy. It cacia which is a completely was a small tree planted on the different tree. Both belong to south side of the building so the same family. Leguminosae, well protected, but if it but there the resemblance ends. flourishes under these con- The robinia is a coarse, spined ditions it is a tree for London tree; the flowers are different and the South-east as well as the South-west. and none are yellow, which identifies the mimosa. The true Used extensively in cut-wattle has fine pinnate foliage flower displays including wed-while the robinia's is much wattle has fine, pinnate foliage

> In its natural habitat dealbata, the silver wattle, grows to 100ft, but it is unlikely to reach anything like that size this country. Under good conditions a tree may reach 50ft, but normally can be expected to reach up to 20ft. An it will fit nicely into small areas in the garden, but it does not like to be under the canopy of larger trees. An open site, well protected from the north and east, is essential.

larger and coarser.

conditions are not critical; where growth is fast the soil should not be too good. The acacia likes neither lime nor a high soil pH and prefers a well drained or quick-draining soil. The first two or three years when the plant is establishing

Dig two spits deep and add organic matter to the bottom spit as no matter how well trees tolerate dry conditions the roots must be able to get down into the sub-soil

Hard winters will often kill even a well-established acacia, although it has to be a hard year before all growth is killed down to and including the root system. It is wise to protect the base of the tree with a heavy mulch or by wrapping the bole with straw or hessian. The species to try is most

certainly Acacia dealbata. It produces clusters of yellow, flowers which are beautifully set off by the silvery, finely-cut foliage. A. longifolia or the Sydney Golden Wattle is not as hardy as A. dealbata but it is more tolerant of chalky soil and would be well worth trying acacia does not spread much so on the alkaline soils of the last suggestion, only where good protection is available, is A. Baileyana, the Cootamunda Wattle. Bigger than A. longifolia but not as big as A. dealbata, it may even have a better foliage colour than the latter. Hilliers of Winchester list

these three varieties and have plants of differing sizes priced at about £10 each.

Ashley Stephenson



Acacia dealbata: In flower at Kew Gardens

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If you get the sowing dates right, your own truit and vegetables will be ready when the same produce is expensive in the shops. Cucumbers are a good example. this will cost you a lot in heating; it is better to sow them now when the days are growing longer. Sow them

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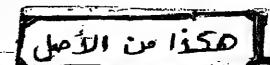
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REVIEW Classical records of the month

Keen foretaste of Sinopoli's promised reign

Smopoli to assume the principal conductorship of the Philharmonia that became nominally his in January, a new pair of records may intensify curiosity, especially when they are his first recordings of normal concert repertory. They capture his style well. Here is the thick, powerfully urged bass, the keenness of pace, and the extraordinary volatility of the emotional temperature; the coexistence, often from one phrase to the next, of passionate involvement and dead numbress.

"Unfinished" Symphony is "Unlinished" Symphony is surprising. Within the first few pages we have moved from sombre gloom, in an opening that produces the illusion it is being played an octave too low, to fierce calls for attention. This is very much Schubert as proto-Mahler rather than post-Mozart, and one's first reaction may be one of repulsion, as with the not-dissimilar Carlos Kleiber recording of a few years

But a dramatic interpretation can make sense of the pauses and breaks in continuity that are otherwise apt to seem curious, and the performance has an authority that compels consideration. Mendelssohn's "Italian" Symphony is less happily rescued from good taste, and emphasis on the bass here merely accentuates what ismost obvious.

Encouraging one's hopes for their future relationship, the Philharmonia play splendidly for Signor Sinopoli, but the Vienna Philharmonic are patently less convinced. In the first movement of Schumann's C major symphony the strings seem to be trying to frustrate his attempts at pulling out the plums, and when he adopts a quick tempo for the scherzo they stumble in a way that sounds almost ostentatious. It is only the overture here that, most disconcertingly, finds the orchestra agreed on the conductor's tearing path.

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necial Offeror

Claudio Abbado's association with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra is obviously a good deal more stable. He and they provide beautiful accompaniments for Shlomo Mintz in a record that confirms how much this violinist has developed in the last couple of years; his technique is now matched by an

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Schumann: Symphony no. 2,
Manfred overture Vianna
PO/Sinopoli. DG 410 863-1
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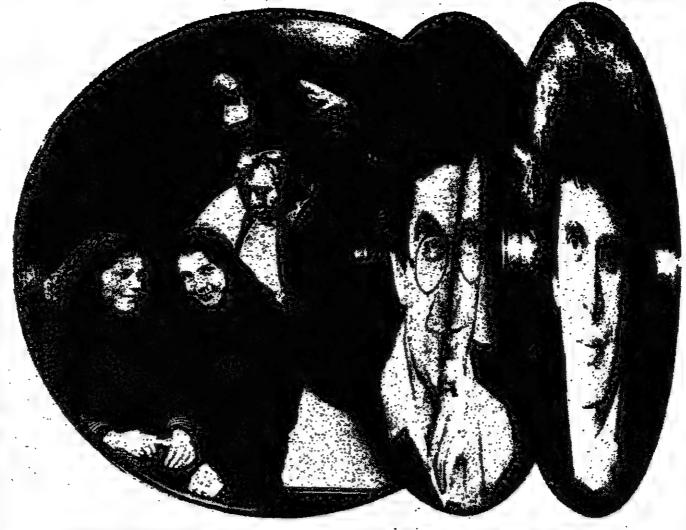
imaginative range approached by very few of his colleagues. This shows itself best in the middle movement of Prokofiev's First Concerto, where Mr Mintz flips with case from silvery harmonics into disturbing assertions of the grotesone. but the whole performance is magnificent, and one wishes only that the Second Concerto were a better piece for him.

Having listened so carefully and well to Mr Mintz in these performances, the orchestra have the right to show off in the Berlioz, particularly when this is a piece where showing off is of the essence. The recording is a hugely exciting one. No presentday conductor knows more about the crafting of potent instrumental character than Abbado, and his way of generating heat while keeping an utterly cold demeanour is just right for Berlioz, the most knowing of romantics.

Perhaps a little more surpris-ingly, Simon Raule turns out to be just the man for Rachmaninov. His and his orchestra's enjoyment of the music is evident all through their recording of the Symphonic Dances, but there is nothing soppy in what they do. It is as if the music had been rediscovered by people unaware of its potential vulgarity, and it is played with the utmost seriousness, beauty and care by all. The result is a fresher and a lovelier Rachman-

Searchers after the rare might prefer Villa-Lobos's Chords XII.
This is certainly nothing-like great music, but as a freewheeling rhapsody of Brazil it contains as much colour, spice and liveliness as banality, and this performance helps one to understand why musical Paris was knocked sideways by the Chords pieces as they appeared in the 1920s.

Paul Griffiths



Classical feast from (left to right) Katia and Marielle Labèque, Claudio Abbado, Malcolm Bilson and Simon Rattle

Dark terror and glimmering light from two pianos

This is a month for double vision: of young and old performances, and of performer-composer-transcribers looking back and forth at each other's reflections. Katia and Marielle Labèque are bringing new energy and new seriousness to the two-piano repertoire, persuading us at last that here is music as good to listen to as to play. Their latest offering twins Liszt's Réminiscences de Don Juan with his Two Episodes from Lenau's "Faust" the first, in its two-piano version, provides what could be called a "sensurround" of dark terror and chullience, with a delight-fully louche little "La ci darem" cpisode; the second prefaces the Mephisto Waltz No 1 with Faust's vision of a "Night Procession" of strange, shifting distances and glimmering lights. With just one piano, Jorge

Liszt: Music for Two Planes Labéque Sisters. EMI ASD

Liszb The Piano Works Vol 3 Jorge Bolet Decca 410 115-1. Chopin: The Complete Waltzes Philip Fowks, Classics for Pleasure CFP 41 4417 1. Kreisler: Music for Violin and Plano Vol 1 Oscar Shumsky, ASV ALH 947. Maranti Violin Sonatas K301-4 Periman/Barenboim. DG 410 896-1.

ance of the B minor Sonata. This is not a reading which, like Arrau's for instance, has steeped itself for long, dark hours in the Faust legend: rather it gives a lovingly perceptive understand-ing of how quintessentially pianistic inspiration gives shape

to musical, evolutionary ideas. distances and glimmering lights.

With just one piano, Jorge detail, and revealing him now Bolet continues his homage to as a white-jacketed entertainer. Liszt, turning now to a big. are the Valse Impromptu and framed, grandiloquent perform- Grand galop, and the disc is completed with the three Liebestraume. One piano release that should

not be missed this month is Philip Fowke's complete Chopin waltzes, worth at least twice its bargain price. With one ear attuned to the echo of the older masters. Fowke's playing is none the less distinctively individual: at times racy and debonair, at times nonchalant, it is always characterized by a spontaneity and generosity of spirit, and glints with unexpec-

ted apercus and a quick wit. Yet another link with the great performer-composers of the ninetceth century appears in veteran violinist Oscar Shumsky's latest recording: the first of set of four discs of the miniatures, originals and tran-scriptions, of one of his heroes, Fritz Kreisler. Shumsky's own anecdotal sleevenotes speak of the problem of imitation and identity; but he knows all he

Compared with Shumsky's own high-fibre readings of the Mozart Violin Sonatas, released late last year (ASV 930 and 944), Itzhak Periman's new

K201-3 disc with Daniel Barenboim seems like a diet of Turkish Delight. Smooth and pungent, tasting and savouring where Shumsky's bite and gobble the music, Periman takes the sonatas farther and probably closer to Mozart's beart. Shumsky reminds us, thrillingly, that they were written for amateurs: Periman proves, gloriously, where they can go in the hands of professionals. I would not be

A lyrical journey back to the roots

The first release in Malcolm Bilson's complete Mozart piano cycle with the English Baroque Soloists conducted by John Eliot Gardiner is something of a landmark. People have been playing eighteenth-century pianos for years: there are import-ant recordings by Jorg Demus, Paul Badura-Skoda, Richard Burnett, a complete Beethoven sonata cycle by Malcolm Binns, and so on. But there has always been a whiff of antiquarianism about these ventures, a feeling that allowances have to be made for the state of the pianos. With Bilson's record this

objection dissolves. These are performances of the highest nusical accomplishment and substance, which can stand comparison with any in the catalogue. The use of a fine copy of an early piano becomes not an end in itself, a curiosity to be admired, but a simple means of musical expression. What Bilson achieves is to shift attention decisively back to the music, and he reveals much in it that is hidden by other

For his piano (a copy by Philip Belt of Mozart's own instrument by Anton Walter, preserved in Salzburg) sings in the trebic register with a thin, penetrating lyricism, and strides through the bass register with a well-focused, reedy incisiveness. Bilson suggests that Mozart's lyricism is not a thing of endless legato, like toothpaste squeezed from a tube. Instead it is light and shade, a play on tension and resolution, conceived in short phrases which link themselves together into long sentences and paragraphs of bustling activity and drama. The light and airy playing of

plays so well that he is liberated from it, and from the suffocation, 100, of intrusive perthe English Baroque Soloists, sonal idiosyncrasy. This is the directed with evident firmness chief delight of his Viennese and subtle phrasing by John Eliot Gardiner, is a delight: the acoustic makes it sound slightly selection: these are no mere sepia-tinted caricatures; rather their sentiment is reinvigorated. 100 large-scale, perhaps, but the matching of sound to the piano

is acutely calculated.
The energy Bilson and
Gardiner create between them in the rest of this finale is exhilarating, and the sharpness of attack in the first movement's exchanges gives the music a refreshing bite and immediacy. This record bodes well for the complete cycle it inaugurates: I could not even bring myself to worry about the unauthenticity of a conductor's presence when the partnership works so well. A Mozart piano concerto in

disguised form also crops up on an extraordinary recording of Busoni's music for two pianes: his Duett-Concertino is a su-

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perbly musical reworking of the finale to K.459, complete with chromatically ingenious counterpoint and cadenzas. This record comes on a label called "Jecklin 'Life Energy", which the sleeve alarmingly claims "has the power to activate and greatly enhance the life energy of the listeners as verified by specific physiological testing..." cal testine.

After two sides of Busoni's Fantasia Contrapuntistica, I rather felt my life energy had ebbed away. But Busoni is a master: his early improvisations on a Bach chorale and his rearrangement of Mozart's K.608 Organ Fantasia are both supreme examples of an imaginative transcriber's art. Isa-bel and Jürg von Vintschgert play sturdily, if at times

I have been sampling the range of finely produced, beautifully designed records from the small Dutch company Etcetera. They too include piano duet music: Erik Satie's works in the form include a marvellously effective arrangement I had never heard before on the ballet Parade, played here with wit and sparkle that makes one convinced that this is not just an extremely. influential but also an extremely: good piece. Etcetera also pro-duced the first recording of Elliott Carter's piano work Night Fantasies.

Roseu's performance is magnificently assured, full of sweep and fervour, it is now joined on the Nonesuch label by a second recording (with the same coupling Carter's 1946 Piano Sonata) by the American pianist Paul Jacobs, even spikier and more clear in certain places. This was Jacobs's last record - he died in New York last year of AIDS - and it is a tribute to one of the finest advocates of twentieth-century piano music.

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Having devoted the last two columns to singing the praises of wine bars serving decent food, it scems only fair to extend that praise to those few publicans who, remembering the meaning of the word victualler, make an effort with their food

While the clicke of the wine-bar food counter has become the quiche, the equivalent for pubs is undoubtedly the jumbo sausage. Very few pubs which offer food these days are without blackboards on which is chalked the proud boast "we serve jumbo sausages". Even fewer have plates on which these monstrosities actually fit the practicalities of dealing with the resultant overhang defeat

even the sharpest of etiquettes. How pleasant it is then to have come across three excellent examples of publicans far end of the room, and arrive taking a pride in the food they on the plate looking as fat as bookmakers' wallets. Other Bridport. Dorset, in the shadow of the town hall. John and Liz croque Mander have stamped their cooked ham or beef, smoked identities on wonderfully at mackerel paté and ratatouille. tractive premises by preparing their own inventive menus. Each day a bulletin board is placed outside the door of this lids, filled with rabbit or steak

handsome, stone-fronted house informing passers-by of notable anniversaries, and tempting them inside with offers of coffee and croissants with cognac (from 10am except Sunday), or pots of hot chocolate. A further easer announces special dishes of the day - perhaps rabbit pie or freshly caught local plaice. Once inside, the traveller is seduced by the surroundings

and the spirit of enterprise. The interior is commendably free of modern gadgetry — no juke-boxes or space invader machines, just classical music or modern jazz on the stereo, a roaring log fire, a jumble of old tables and a smoke-stained ceiling to compound the gloom.

If you wish, you can just have sandwiches, freshly-squeezed orange juice, and a large cup of creamy coffee, but their menu deserves more sustained atten-Various omelettes are cooked to order in the copper skillet-clad kitchen range at the continental-style snacks include

For fuller meals there are excellent home-made pies with delicious light shortcrust pastry

and kidney, grilled entrecotes, kedgeree or smoked Finnan There is a short but decent

wine list, and the house wines shipped and bottled by the local brewery Palmers (who also provide the beer) are more than serviceable. It is an exemplary operation. The stamp of individualism

also distinguishes the Tickell Arms in Whittlesford to the south of Cambridge. Although nominally a pub, the Tickell is more like a rambling country manor - there are no pub signs, just a white fence and a gravel car park set in front-of the stone balustrade in front of the oddly atmospheric premises.

Inside is all dark colours flickering candelabra and loud opera, while Mr Tickell, the proprietor, strides around the antique tables with the manner of a country squire. You can forgive his eccentricity when his kitchens turn out such distinctive meals as pastrami, quail en cocotte in a rich, white grape stuce, escargots, dressed Cromer crab with sauce béar-nise and puddings such as honey and rhubarb crumble. Service arrives via an efficient counter and tannoy system, with diners collecting

from imposing a 33 per cent cally flavoured chilli con carne. Service charges on orders after. The house shepherd's nie. certain times, and if you've got which arrives in a slab the size long hair or a CND badge you of a house-brick, is potent stuff.

Story Lieux

On a more modest scale, the Windsor Castle, set in a narrow lane behind Maida Vale, is a good example of what konest endeavour and pride can achieve in comfortable but small premises. The abundant floral displays tell you that effort is being made, and indeed Sheila Lewis, the landlady, rises early each morning to prepare such excellent bar meals as lamb soup, salt beef sandwiches on rye bread, steak and kidney pie, crab pate and an authentiThe house shepherd's pie,

The George Hotel, 4 South Street, Bridport, Dorset (0308 23187). Open: pub hours and from 10am Mon-Sat for coffee and breakfasts; kunch available Mon-Sat and dinner daily except Thurs and Sun.
Tickel Arms, North Road,
Whittlesford, Cambridgeshire (0223
833128). Open: Mon-Sat 10.30am-2.30pm and 7pm (6.15pm Sat)-11pm; Sun noon-2pm end 7-10.30pm. The Windsor Castle, 3 Lanark Place, London W9. Open; pub hours; lunches available Mon-Fri.

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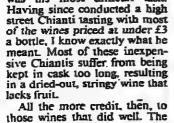
their own food on trays. This doesn't prevent Squire Tickell

Classy Chiantis show up the faults of the nasties was his most difficult task.

In the nine years I have been writing about wine, the country that seems to have progressed the least is Italy. Other countries have become more or less used to modern wine-making and wine-growing techniques, but most of poor old Italy continues to struggle along with antiquated methods and ancient equipment; and for every great Italian wine (of which, alas, there are all too few) there appear to be thousands of dreary or indifferent bottles.

Occasionally, tasting a wine such as Marchese Incisa della Rocchetta's superb Sassicaia, I think Italy has at long last turned the corner. Then along comes a wine-tasting with enough "nasties" on the table to make me wonder if Italian winemakers will ever get it

Chianti is a classic example of Italy's wine problems. One Master of Wine, a buyer for one of the biggest off-licence chains. told me recently that tracking down good, ordinary Chianu



best was undoubtedly the delicious pale garnet Lamole '81 Chianti Classico (ASDA £2.69). a delightfully lively wine with lots of fruit and style backed up by a big fruity finish. I was also rather taken with the '80 San Vito in Berardenga again a Chianti Classico, from that important Italian specialist Cynthia Bacon from Hampshire. It had an impressive garnet-purple colour and thick, fruity taste backed up with enough tannin and backbone to allow it to take on robust foods and flavours (Cynthia Bacon,

flowlers' bucke, South Harting, Petersfield, Hants, £3.43 -



mixed or single cases only.

Every High Street outlet or corner wine shop always seems to carry big, litre bottles of Chianti and most of the time the contents are very disap-pointing, so to find a good one is something of an achievement. The Marchese de Frescobaldi has obviously hit on the perfect popular, litre-bottle formula with his '81 Frescobaldi Chianti (£4.39, available in 1.5 litre bottles only.) It has an attractive ruby-garnet colour, lively, lemony acidity, rich fruity

bouquet and taste with a vineyards up to scratch. In a pleasing touch of almond desperate effort to survive bitterness on the finish that is so many producers are selling their characteristic of Chianti

The real bargain-buy of the tasting was Threshers own-label Chianti from Biscardo, which, priced at just £2.09, must be one of the cheapest on sale, but it is admittedly only 11.5° alcohol rather than the 12° of most of the other Chiantis. I liked its light, fruity and eminently qualfable, damson-fruit taste with that classic snap of Chianti bitterness again in the back-ground. Oddbins also have a good '79 Monti Verdi Chianti Classic (£2.88) with an unusual macerated-fruit smell.

Chianti's problems are primarily overproduction, inflation and increasingly expensive labour - a lethal combination. With a cellar full of wine that is apparently impossible to sell and a bumper crop in the offing, most of Chianti's winemakers are not unnaturally reluciant to spend money on new equipment or to bring their

wine at below cost price.

It is not all bad news in Chianti. Changes in both viticulture and viniculture are taking place on estates run by the most enlightened owners. Many are quite rightly reducing the percentage of white grapes (Chianti traditionally has been a blend of both red and white grapes) and replacing these with classic, red, French varieties such as Caberner Sauvignon which give more body, bouquet and aging ability. They are also fermenting them at cooler temperatures in stainless steel and allowing their wines to age in bottle, not cask. Marchese Piero Antinori, one of Chianti's and Italy's most progressive young wine producers, not only endorses and perfects these new techniques but is convinced that even higher quality can be achieved.

Jane MacQuitty



The Wine Club's Italy

A chance to try The Wine Club's highly successful region-byregion survey of the best of region survey of the Burton Anderson, Italian wine. Burton Anderson, the top Italian Wine writer was asked to choose 12 regional selections. These come complete with Mr Anderson's tasting notes and background details. His brief: to choose The Best wines Italy currently has on offer, irrespective of price.

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A mighty, yet ripe, Barolo; a
Barbaresco you either keep three
years or spinsh-decaut three
hours before dinner; a Dolcetto

Marche fat and full of purple fruit; and a brilliant demonstration of the Nebbiolo grape. Our best wire of The Italian Selections: Valentino Migliorini's 'Brico Manzoni' a Migliorini's 'Brico Manzoni' a kind of Barolo made even richer, fruitier and easier-to-drink young. Not while the marvellous, full, dry Gavi of La A twelve bottle case for £67.50

(Two bottles of each unless stated) Gavi DOC La Chiara Estate 1981 Sparkling Asti Spannante DOC

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Martini & Rossi (one bottle)

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Marches The best current examples of two great red DOCs of the Marches: riceno and Conero; a lovely example of Abruzzo's soft Montenulciano.

spiry red from the Wine Club's Great Italian Discovery — the Di Majo Norante Estate in Molise. For whites: a stone-dry Verdicchio; and a hefty, mellow well-rounded Trebbiano from Two bottles each of the follo for £40.99

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Rosso Conero DOC
Frederici & Gagliadini 1982
Montepulciano d'Abruzzo DOC
Nicodemi Estate 1981
Rosso Piceno Superiore DOC

& Sardinia

Each island provides its best dry red, dry white and remarkable alternative to dry sherry. Two bottles each of the following for £54.30 Regaleali Bianco Conte Tasca d'Almerita 1982 Torbato di Alghero Sella & Mosca 1982

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Quayle's hand-picked crew take a Compass bearing

"You do it because you passion-ately want to do it. You may passionately regret it later, but you must back what you believe in". Thus Anthony Quayle explains why, at the age of 70, he has founded a new touring theatre company, Compass, which comes to life in Blackpool un Tuesday with a production of the eighteenth-century comedy it has to play in quite large David Garrick and George Colman.

He had originally hoped to of plays that I have really wanted to do".

The Clandestine Marriage, a comedy of high manners and law intentions, deals with two of man's more desperate obsessions - the pursuit of women and the acquisition of wealth. "It is a very funny play, and could be very popular. It is full of bumanity, and bitter-sweet irony, and is very much a play of our times", Quayle says.

in the prologue, Garrick acknowledges his debt to Hogarth, and the play reflects Hogarth's view of life, seen through a harsh, ironic but humorous eve. "I think it will make people laugh, and also think a bit. It has not got the obvious elegance of Sheridan. writing in the same period, but I think we will have something good". Quayle explains, mixing enthusiasm with a slight uncertainty about the project.

Anthony Quayle, now an actor-manager again as he was for nine years at Stratford-upon-Avon after the war, is both directing the play and starring with Roy Kinnear and Joyce Redman, two experienced actors he has gathered lato his company. The designer is Tanya Moiseiwitsch.

Rationalizing his passion for the adventure. Quayle says that in the National Theatre and the Royal Shakespeare Company. the country has two great institutional theatres and in Triamph a dynamic production company. "What we do not have, which Compass must try to supply, is a comparatively small, close-knit company, the sort of company lu which I grew up at the Old Vic under Tyrone Guthrie, and which I would like to have some part in handing on. Nor do I think we have any great touring company, and in theory I would like to go everywhere".

A good touring company can more than just display excellence in acting, he believes. "Some people think we are a united country, but we are very distracted, and are begged down in all kinds of economic stringency. Theatre can make a stringency. Theatre can make a Ambassadors (836 1171) perceptible contribution towards Until May 5, Mon-Fri at 8pm,

to strike a blow for unity." His first production will have a week each in eight provincial

towns and cities - Blackpool. Leeds, Plymouth, Norwich, Bath, Croydon, Nottingham and Brighton - before it opens in London in June. It is not a cheap venture and

The Clandestine Marriage by theatres in order to pay the company. Quayle has managed to raise £200,000 to get the He had originally hoped to company aftest and to point it start the venture with Shakes- into waters which if not peare, but had difficulty in uncharted are certainly full of casting it and moved to his rocks and hidden obstacles. (As second choice, "one of a bouquet a lifelong sailor he is fond of using nautical metaphors.) The company has attracted some sponsorship and an Arts Council grant, but that may not be repeated next year.

It is Quayle's drive that has given the adventure its initial momentum; now he has the practical problem of keeping it going. "We have spent an awful lot of money, and we have got top actors and a top designer. It is not easy to form a company today, but we shall try to do great plays in a great way."

He sums up the project with a calmness which hides the passion which has driven him to found Compass: "It is a hell of a

Christopher Warman The Clandestine Marriage, Grand Theatre, Blackpool (0253 28372), Tues until Apr 7 at 7.30pm, Thurs at

Critics' choice

Cottesloe (928 2252)
Today at 2.30pm and 7.30pm,
Mon-Fri at 7.30pm. In repertory
David Mamet's menacing account
of the shark-eat-sprat world of US

resonance that spreads wide; a cast including Jack Shepherd in top form does it justice.

Queen's (734 1156) Until Apr 14, Mon-Fri at 7.30pm, Sat at 5pm and 8.15pm; matinées

Wed at 3pm Noël Coward's 1920s comedy

mixed bag of persecuted house guests remains hilarious after any

number of revivals, and Penelope

Keith takes to the leading lady's part as though to the bad manners born.

Upstream Theatra Club (928 5394)

Upstream Theatre Club (328 5399)
Final performance today at 8pm
A striking rarity: Ernst Toller's grim
Expressionist tragedy (1922) of an
unnamed soldier's return, in a

boldly successful studio production

with a towering performance by

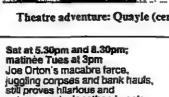
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Wyndham's (335 3028)
Until Apr 7, Mon-Fri at 7,45pm,
Sat at 5pm and 8,30pm; matinees
Wed at 3pm
Stain's 1948 pressure session with

NOISES OFF ghastly rep-fodder sex cornedy is still wildly funny.

ONE FOR THE ROAD Lyric Hammo (741 2311)



Theatre adventure: Quayle (centre) and two of his east, Roy Kinnear (right) and Norman Mitcheil

at 1.15pm (lunchtime perfs only)

Pinter's latest: a gripping study of torture in a fascist state, with Alan

Bates heading an excellent cast. Also a revival of Victoria Station.

driver and radio controller.

PACK OF LIES Lyric (437 3685)

with Bates and Roger Lloyd Pack in

Mon-Fri et 7.30pm, Sat at 5pm and 8.15pm; matinios Wed at 3pm

Hugh Whitemore's powerful study

Kroger-style spy case. Judi Dench and Michael Williams find

impressively tragic performances in the most humdrum

THE POWER OF DARKNESS

Final performances today at 5.40pm and 6.30pm

Tolstoy's rarely staged tragedy of sin and atonement in a Russian peasant community, given a superbly gripping, satisfying production in this tiny studio.

Wed at 7.15pm, Thurs at 2pm and

7.15pm. In repertory with Jean Seberg by Marvin Hamlisch, Christopher Adler, and Julian

PREVIEW Galleries

Orange Tree, Richmond (940 3653)

SAINT JOAN

Olivier (928 2252)

of a decent couple whose quiet

suburban life is destroyed by a

at 8pm, Tues at 2pm and 8pm)

epically this vast auditorium without ever quite stilling the

Shaftesbury (930 8577) Until May 5, Mon-Fri at 8pm, Sat at 5.30pm and 8.30pm; matinees Wed at 3pm

Ray Cooney's all-star revival

(Maureen Lipman, Derek Nimmo, Christopher Timothy, Michael

Danison) of Philip King's glorious wartime farce featuring a village

TOPOKANA MARTYRS' DAY Bush (743 3388) Until Apr 21, Tues-Sun at 8pm Return of Jonathan Falla's

astounding first play about the

ironies and kinacies of being at the receiving end of international aid in

Theatre Royal, Stratford, London E15 (534 0310) Final performance today at 8pm

One of the great successes of the Arts Theatre's recent "Black

Jameican comedy about a middle-aged macho husband forced to rethink his marriage when the wife

brings back new ideas from a trip to the United States.

Theatre" season, an endearing

spinster and a stageful of real and

doubts it always raises.

SEE HOW THEY RUN

spurious vicars.

TWO CAN PLAY

In Ronald Eyre's spectacular production, Shaw's great play fills

outrageous in Jonathan Lynn's ravival, with Gemma Craven as the bent Irish nurse and Leonard Rossiter as the sadistic Inspector

composers Prokofiev and Shostakovich gives David Pownatt the setting for an alarming yet sometimes horribly turny drama, full of food for thought on art and politics and the relation between them. Timothy West's fearsome Stalin is a complex study on the grand scale.

Savoy (835 8888)
Mor-Fri at 7.45pm, Sat at 5pm and
8.30pm; matinées Wed at 3pm
After two years in London, Michael Frayn's farce of backstage mishaps and misbehaviour during a

Opens Tues, Until Apr 14, Mon-Sat Barry (today at 2pm and 8pm, Mon

CAMBRIDGE: Arts (0223 352000). Another Country by Julian Mitchell Opens Mon at 8pm, until

Out of Town

Apr 7, Mon-Sat at 8pm; matinée Sat at 4.30pm Many of the original West End cast. directed by Kim Grant in this touring production of the awardwinning play about life at a public school, pre-war, and its effects on

subsequent public affairs.

COLCHESTER: Mercury (0206 573948), 84 Charing Cross Road by James Roose-Evans from the book by Helene Hanff. Until Apr 21, Tues, Wed, Fri at 7.30pm, Thurs at 8pm, Set at 5pm and 8pm; matinees Thurs and Apr 12, at 2.45pm. No peri Apr 20 Miriam Margolyes as the American woman who builds a relationship by correspondence with the staff of a London bookshop. Directed by

COVENTRY: Belgrade (0203 20205). Jesus Christ Superstar by Tan Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber. Opens Tues at 7.30pm, until Apr 28, Mon-Thurs at 7.30pm Fri and Sat at 8pm; matinee Wed at 2.30pm

Enormously successful rock musical account of the final wask of the life of Jesus Christ, directed by John Adams. CROYDON: Ashcroft (688 9291).

Children of a Lesser God by Mark Medoff, Opens Mon at 7.45pm, until Apr 7, Mon-Fri at 7.45pm, Sat at 5pm and 8.15pm; matinee Wed at 230pm, The early Sat performance is "signed" for those with impaired hearing. Jean St Clair and Ron Aldridge in the touring production of an awardwinning and successful play about a deaf woman and her relationship with her speech therapist.

EDINBURGH; Traverse (031 226 2633). Slack Mas by John Constable. Opens Tues at 8pm, until Apr 8, Tues-Sun at 8pm As seen in London at the New End (final performance today), this new play, Constable's first, is set in Trinidad during Carnival.

HAYES, Middlesex; Beck Theatre (561 8371). The Winslow Boy by Terence Rattigan. Opens Mon et 8pm, until Apr 7, Mon-Fri at 8pm, Sat at Spm and 8pm; matinée Wed at 2.30pm Touring revival of Rattigan's perennially popular drama, with Marius Goring, Stephanie Tumer and Allen Cuthbertson in leading

IPSWICH: Wolsey (0473 53725). Jesus Christ Superstar by Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber. Opens Wed at 7.45pm, until May 5, Tues-Fri at 7.45pm, Sat at 8pm; matinées Wed at 2.30pm, Sat at 4.45pm Rock musical about the last week

in the life of Jesus Christ. LEATHERHEAD: Thorndike (0372 377677). Rope by Patrick Hamilton. Until Apr 7, Mon, Tues, Thurs, Sat at 7.30pm, Wed and Fri at 8pm; matinèe Sat at 4pm William Franklyn directs a revival of a perennially popular thriller centred on a "perfect murder".

Michael Jayston heads the cast. LEICESTER: Haymarket (0533 539787). Passion Play by Peter Nichols. Until Apr 7, Mon-Thurs et 7.30pm, Fri and Sat at 8pm Judy Parfitt, Barry Foster, Leslie



Shylock: Ian McDiarmid in The Merchant of Venice; previews from Thursday at Stratford (see page 20)

Phillips, Zena Walker, Heather Wrlght, directed by Mike Ockrent in the first regional production of the award-winning comedy which looks at the strains of modern marriage. Not suitable for children. London, on Apr 11.

LIVERPOOL: Everyman (051 709 4776). Scapino! by Frank Dunlop and Jim Dale from Molière. Opens Thurs at 8pm, until May 5, Tues-Sat at 8pm Gwen Walford directs John Ashton and mpany in the Moliere farce as re-set in modern-day Naples.

MANCHESTER: Library (061 236 7110). Jack the Lad by David Wood, Dave and Toni Arthur, Until Apr 14, Tues-Sat at 7.30pm Described as a "giant fairy tale for adults", this new show uses mime, dance, song and sketches to tell the stories of some "lovable villians" of history and literature.

MOLD: Theatr Chwyd (0352 55114). Courage to Kill by Lars Noren. Until Apr 7, Mon-Sat at 7.30pm Conflicts between a young man, his girlfriend and his father.

SOUTHAMPTON: Nuffield (0703 555028). Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat by Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber. Opens Mon at 7.30pm, until Apr 7, Mon-Thurs at 7.30pm, Fri and Sat at 8pm; matinée Sat at 4.30pm

Touring production of the biblical rock musical which began the Lloyd Webber/Rice success story. Pare

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STRATFORD: Royal Shakespeare Theatre (0789 295623). Henry V. Today et 1.30pm and 7.30pm. in Kenneth Branagh leads in the first

new production of the play at Stratford since 1977, opening this year's season. Adrian Noble directs a cast including Sebastian Shaw, Harold Innocent, Brian Blessed, Patricia Routledge, The Merchant of Venice. See The Week Ahead, page 20. WATFORD: Palace (0923 25671).

Cider with Rosie by Laurie Lee, adapted by Nick Darke. Opens Thurs at 7.45pm., until Apr 28, Mon-Thurs at 7.45pm, Fri and Sat at 8pm; matinées Apr 10, 11 et 1.45pm (schools); Apr 21, 28 at 3pm. No perf Apr 20 Heather Canning, Roger Heathcott, Helene Little in a pleasing account of growing up in rural domesticity

YORK: Theatre Royal (0904 23568). Run for Your Wife by Ray Cooney. Opens Mon at 7.30pm. until Apr 7, Mon-Sat at 7.30pm; matinee Sat at 4pm Cooney directs his farce, still running in the West End. in this touring production with Paul Henry, Ian Lavender, Melvin Hayes and Tony Brandon in leading roles.

Photography

1982. It was an immediate success. As a dealer and collector he had been growing increasingly concerned that many young unestablished photographers were unable to find an outlet for their work into the recognized gallery circuit. He maintains that this lack of a suitable market place puts a barrier between the

public and the photographer. The London Photograph Fair removes that barrier, allowing dealers, photographers and ordinary people to trade in vintage prints, books and contemporary work in a friendly and informal atmosphere. However, the fair deals only in images and no equip-

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Photographers' Gallery back in and publishers such as Valentine, Frith and Alinari has also proved popular at prices rang-ing from £3 to £20.

An indication of the sort of prices that people can expect to pay is given by the fact that Bourne's views of India were because they could not break sold recently for between £25 and £40. Contemporary prints start at around £10 and climb to

Books are another important feature of the fair. Previous examples which may well surface again include Lartigue's Les Femmes (£12), Tissandier's History of Photography (£65). and Brandt's A Night in London (£60) and The English at Home

Michael Young

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Stills Gallery, 105 High Street, Edinburgh (031 557 1140). Until Apr 21, Tues-Sat 12.30-6pm Floman Vishniac (now 86 and living In New York) trave between 1934 and 1937 photographing the Jews of Eastern Europa. Of the 16,000 photographs he took only 2,000 survived; 60 are in this exhibition. A polgnant view

of a civilization destroyed by Hitler.

NOBERT MAPPLETHORPE Museum of Modern Art, 30 Pembroke Street, Oxford (0865 722733). Until May 20, Tues-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm
American cult photographer Robert
Mapplethorpe has relentlessly
portrayed the world of black male homosexuals in New York. His style is at times cold, almost dispassionate, and many would find the results offensive. More appealing perhaps are his clearly seen still-life works and many fine "straight" portraits taken over the

MULTIPLE IMAGES Photographers' Gallery, 5 & 8 Great Newport Street, London WC2. Until Apr 14, Tues-Sat 11am-

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Nine photographers offer work constructed from multiple photographic images. By far the most interesting is Vaughan Grylls's narrative triptych Gеппалу годау . The form is Hockney's visual sensuality and more rigorous intellectual

WHITE MEMORIES 1948 to 1969 by a photographer photographer helped to create.

years. Also on show is Marketa Luskacova's "Oxford Schools Sculpture Project".

Hockneyesque but the similarity is superficial: there is little of exploration. Mari Mahr also shows some Intriguing surreal creations. Continuing at this gallery is "Martin Chambi: Photographs in Context". DAVID BAILEY: BLACK AND

Plymouth Arts Centre, 38 Looe Street, Plymouth (0752 660060). Until Apr 7, Mon-Sat 10am-6pm Portraits and fashion pictures from who is synonymous with the swinging sixties. Intriguing stage-managed view of a period the BILL BRANCT: LITERARY

Victoria and Albert Museum Victoria and Albert Museum, Cromwell Road, London SW7 (01-589 6371), Until May 20, Mon-Thurs 10am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-5.30pm, Sun 2.30-5.30pm The V & A had originally hoped to stage a retrospective of Brandt's work as an eighnieth birthday

with sad prescience, thought this unwise in case he "didn't make it": he died last December. This show directs our attention back to the quiet landscapes he published as a accompanying text by acknowledged writers. They represent a romantic style which he was later to abandon. Many of the

exhibited prints were made by Brandt himself. Not to be missed. JULIA MARGARET CAMERON John Hansard Gallery, The University, Southampton (0703 559122). Until Apr 28, Mon-Sat 10am-6pm Incredible though it may seem.

Julia Margaret Cameron was an amateur given a camera by her daughter in 1863. Through Alfred, Lord Tennyson, a neighbour on the Isle of Wight, she was soon photographing many well known literary ligures of the day: Sir John Herschel, Thomas Cartyle and Holman-Hunt are just three among a galaxy of craggy-faced Victorians seen in a romantic pictorialist way.



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CEDRIC MORRIS: Mon-Sat 10am-5.30pm, Sun 2-5pm Morns lived so long (he died two years ago at the age of 92) that he made and outlived several reputations. He was self-taught. which showed both in his eccentric techniques - he painted from one corner outwards, as though knitting - and the curious inequality of his work, as though he could never be certain of producing the same effect twice. He toyed with surrealism and abstraction, before setting to a primarily figurative style, painting portraits and landscape, food and flowers with

than most designers in that choreography and music were both devised in relation to the backdrops and costumes. Now she

has done two boxes (in fact, shallow frames), which contain a pint based on the bailet designs and a battery-powered abstract figure which "dances" across this background. This essay in the kinglin is accompanied by a small kinetic is accompanied by a small show of studies for the ballet itself. **BURMANTOFTS POTTERY**

May 20, Tues-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm This turn-of-the-century line in Leeds pottery was originally an artistic offshoot of an existing production of sentrary and industrial ware. The designs were often quaintly grotesque, usually in the "sestiretic" taste of the day, and as a rule had some practical purpose, such as the umbrella stand, the candlestick, the clockcase and the vase. The factory also went in for titles and architectural

Odette Gilbert Gallery, 5 Cork Street, London W1 (437 3175), Until Fri, Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-1pm George Hooper, 74 this year, has mostly kept out of the public eye since he won the Royal Academy Gold Medal for his painting "Labour" in 1933. There have been occasional shows in London but this is the first retrospective of his work, which ranges from the sober, Stade-style early works to the glowing recent still-lifes in brilliant

GEORGE HOOPER

iguvist colours.

TREASURES FROM DULWICH

Dance

SADLER'S WELLS ROYAL BALLET Sadler's Wells (278 8916). Tues until April 14 (not Sun) at 7.30pm; matinées Sat at 2.30pm The new production of Petrushka is given Tues-Thurs, on a bill with Ashton's Les Rendezvous and Act ill of Raymonda to open a fortnight's season. Ana Botatogo, a guest from Rio de Janeiro, makes her British debut as Raymonda on Wed. The programme changes on Fri to Paquita, the Winter Play and

Pineapple Poll. NEW BRITISH DANCE Riverside (748 3354). Tonight and tomorrow at 8pm Rosemary Butcher's company performs tonight to a new score by Malcolm Clark in a setting by Heinz Dieter Pietsch, Tomorrow, Gaby Dieter Pietsch, Tomorrow, Gaby Agrs, Michael Clark, Gregory Nash and Michael Popper will present

new works. BALLET RAMBERT Sadler's Wells (278 8916). Today at 7.30pm Rambert's London season ends tonight with Alston's new Voices and Light Footsteps, Bruce's Concertino and Bridget Riley's Colour Moves. The company visits Lisbon next week, then Oporto, before starting a regional tour at

Brighton on May 14. LURCHING DARTS October Gallery, 24 Old Gloucester Street, London WC1 (242 7367). Today at 8pm Dancer-choreographers Matthew Hawkins and Ann Dickie present an evening of recent solos and collaborative work.

SYMPHONY ON ICE Albert Hall (589 8212). Mon until April 8 at 7.30pm John Curry's ice-dancing show, with 14 dancers and the Royal Philharmonic, offers choreography by Jean-Pierre Bonnefous, Laura Dean and Peter Martins as well as

ROYAL BALLET Covent Garden (240 1066). Today and Wed at 7.30pm Only two ballet nights this week. Tonight La Bayadere, Alston's Midsummer and MacMillan's Elite Syncopations. On Wed Ravenna Tucker dances her first Rhapsody on a bill with Enigma Variations and

SCOTTISM BALLET Glasgow, Royal (041 331 1234). Today at 2.15 and 7.15pm. Edinburgh, King's (031 229 1201). Tues until April 7 at 7.30pm; matinee Sat at 2.30pm Cranko's Romeo and Juliet, a big success two years ago, is back for

FESTIVAL BALLET Poole, Towngate (0202 685222). Tues and Wed at 7.30pm. Brighton, Royal (0273 28488). Fri and April 7 at 8pm A varied programme including dances from Les Sylphides and Andre Prokovsky's Gershwin ballet The Aquanum is given by a cast of 12 with plane accompaniment; an ingenious way of bringing ballet to

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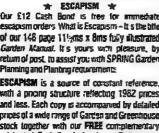
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IMAGE OF THE WEEK: Softening stale bread. Vienna 1938, by Vishniac (see listings)

Critics' choice

Tate Gallery, Milibank, London SW1 (821 1313). Until May 13. the same semi-naive approach and

left a rich and complex legacy which we are only now beginning to sort out. This show includes paintings and sculptures, and tends to confirm the feeling that his earlier Neo-Romantic paintings and drawings were his best. BRIDGET RILEY DANCE BOXES Juda Rowan Gallery, 11 Tottenham Mews, London W1 (637 5517). Ends today, 10sm-1pm When Stridget Riley made her first venture into ballet design with the Rambert's Colour Moves last year, she played a far more radical role

London W1 (629 5176). Until

art's few true intellectuals, as

handy with the pen and the

Apr 13, Mon-Fri 9.30am-5.30pm Ayrton was one of British modern

typewriter as in his studio working

on paintings and sculpture, and he

Gettrye Museum, Kingsland Road, London E2 (739 8368). Until

Agnew, 43 Old Bond Street, London W1 (629 6176). Until Rare opportunity to see in the West End such stunners from the **Dulwich Picture Gallery collection** as Rembrandt's Girl at a Window and Poussin's Rinaldo and Armida.

small stages.

Kid-glove treatment has the monster muzzled

We have waited so long for a film to be culled from A la receive du temps perdu that the arrival of Swann in Love. directed by Volker Schlondorff, can only seem an anti-climas. We have waited, in fact, rather longer than it took Proust to write the novel sequence: it was in the mid-1960s that the former actress Nichole Stephane first secured, from the author's niece. he screen rights to France's biggest prose monument. Since then a wide range of directors, writers and financiers have toiled away, converting the claborate symphony of semiautobiographical memories into viable dialogue, images, budgets and shooting schedules.

Their work was not com-pletely without issue. Visconti enjoyed a grand stint in 1970-71, scouting for locations, distilling The Cities of the Plain into a screenplay with his regular writer, Suso Cecchi D' tmico, and daugling various actors before us: Alain Delon as Marcel, the narrator, Bardot, perhaps, as the aging Odette de (rec), principal object of Suann's love. There were two oncrete results: a script, published in 1978, and a lawsuit, ulun Visconti, fretting over delays and lack of finance, abandoned poor Proust for another film, Ludwig.

Joseph Losey then joined the project, and brought along Harold Pinter, by early 1973

laster during the 1950s and

1960s than that of Sir Carol

tine of the world's finest directors, he was relegated to

the ranks of the vast majority of

film makers who can at best be

Just why the quality of ceed's work declined so

abruptly from the heights of

Old Man Out. The Fallen Idol

and The Third Man is still

something of a mystery. But with the exception of his flawed

hut interesting Conrad adap-

tation Outcast of the Islands and

a spirited version of the musical

Oliver! (which won him an Oscar), his career after 1949 was

It is said that Reed was only

often in his later films he

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described as routinely efficient.

script, drawn from the entire novel sequence but emphasizing themes of time and childhood. Their labours, again, drew forth certain fruit, including Pinter's published screenplay.

After two elaborate failures,

how has Schlondorff Reed, he wrote, was probably the most brilliant craftsman of the modern cinema yet "devoid Reed. From being acclaimed as of the urges that make a really one of the world's finest directors, he was relegated to went on: "He would seem to be enclosed from life with no specially strong feelings about the stories that come his way to film, other than that they

> craftsman's love". True, though when applied to Reed's 1948 film The Fallen Idol (BBC2, tomorrow, 1.55-3.25pm) the verdict may be too harsh. In transferring Graham Greene's short story The Basement Room to the screen Reed was far more than the interpreter of a script.

should be something he can

perfect and polish with a

We have Greene's word for it as good as his material and too that the final shape and emphasis of the film, which seemed to be struggling with subjects to which he was represented a fundamental departure from the original unsuited. A deeper explanation story, was largely due to Reed; may be implicit in the remarks and we also have Greene's of that perceptive critic, Richard Winnington, in his review of *The Third Man*. generous tribute to the judgment of Reed on points where the two men differed.



had prepared a fresh muzzled the monster? The secret lies perhaps in the script, initially prepared by Peter Brook and Jean-Claude Carrière for direction by Brook himself (the success of his stage Carmen upset that plan). As

Carrière remarks: "Our gamble

was that by dipping a bucket

Films on TV

Ralph Richardson (one of

several fine screen portrayals at this time) plays Baines, the butter at a London embassy

who become the idol of a small

boy, the son of the ambassador.

When Baines is suspected of

murdering his sharp-tempered wife, the boy tries to help by

directing children and he coaxed a marvellous perform-

ance out of the eight-year-old

Bobby Henrey which has little

of the embarrassing cuteness so

often associated with child

actors. Another happy piece of casting was that of the French

actress, Michele Morgan, as the

embassy typist with whom Baines has a furtive affair.

Prominent among the sup-

porting cast is an actor who had

been in films for 18 years and

was at last about to become a

Even if it is, in Winnington's

star, Jack Hawkins.

Reed was particularly good at

telling lies in his defence.

into the river, we would find the elements that make it flow." The bucket chiefly consists of 24 hours in Swann's life, drawn from the second half of Swann's War, wherein Swann, the elegant aesthete, becomes obsessed with the beautiful but dubious Odette.

statement of a film artist, The Fallen Idol remains a considerable achievement. Reed may sometimes overdo the stylistic flourishes, being too fond of the tilted camera, but his handling

of characters and theme could

hardly be bettered. Peter Waymark

The Plainsman (1936): Cecil B. De Mille's apic Western, with Gary Cooper as Wild Bill Hickok and Jean Arthur as Calamity Jane (Channel 4, today, 2.30-4.35pm). Intruder in the Dust (1949): Courageous, for its time, expose of racial bigotry and lynch law in the American wouth, directed by Clarence Brown from the novel by William Faulkner (Channel 4, today, 11, 25 pm. 1 pm.) 11.25pm-1am). Fiddler on the Roof (1971):

Overlong but faithful adaptation of the hit musical with Topol as the poor milkman trying to find good husbands for his five daughters (BBC1, tomorrow, 3,25-6,20pm). in Search of Anna (1977)*: Esben Storm's film in the BBC2 Australian Even if it is, in Winnington's season is about a man just out of terms, brilliant craftmanship rather than the deeply felt old girlfriend and a model he meets

Schlöndorff came to the project with a useful French technical training and a reputation for literary adaptations, albeit German; his films have been drawn from Gunter Grass (The Tin Drum) and Heinrich Bell (The Lost Honour of Katherine Blum), among others. For the battle with Proust, Schlöndorff tactfully used kid Schlondoril tactfully used kid gloves, avoiding any jagged lurches in style or bold strokes of interpretation. The spectator is simply, skilfully propelled through an unfussy script, brought to life with the aid of Sven Nykvist's crisp, sombre photography. Jacques Sanlnier's exquisite drawing-room sets, and broading massic by ets, and brooding music by

Hans Werner Henze.

And, naturally, the actors:
Jeremy Irons, elegantly melancholic, appears as Swann, with the voluptuous Ornella Muti as
Odette: Alain 'Delon as
Visconti survivor plays the
foppish waxwork Baron de
Charlus, "Swann could easily been an Englishman" Nicole Stephane argues, trying to deflect chanvinistic criticism, though, thanks to Pierre Arditi's excellently synchronized dubbing. Irons never lets his nationality peep through.

Cinema, St Martins Lane, WC2 (836

on the road (BBC2, tomorrow, 10.20-11.45pm).

Three Godfathers (1948):
Allegorical Western in which outlaws gain redemption by rescuing a dying woman's baby;
John Wayne leads, John Ford directs (BBC2, Mon, 5.40-7,20pm).

The Exterminating Angel (1962): Luis Buñuel's deliciously surreal piece about a group of Mexican aristocrats mysteriously trapped in a room after a dinner party (Channel 4, Wed, 9-10.45pm).

Riffiff (1955): Jules Dassin's An ill-equipped government biologist, assigned to study Arctic wolves, becomes sucked into the mystery and wonder of life in the

sidewalk; they enjoy a fraught romance. This could only be the work of director Henry Jagtom, th wayward American independent who struck comic gold with the low-budget, semi-improvised
Sitting Ducks. A marvellous
exploration of human relationships
true and tender, and radiantly droit.
As in the earlier film, Michael Emil
talks his head off: Karen Black

THE BIG CHILL (15) Cinecents Panton Street (230 0631)

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gives her best performance to date.

CARMEN (15)
Curzon (499 3737/8)
Carlos Saura's second
collaboration with dancer Antonio

Gades and his troupe. Rehearsals for a flamenco-style Carmen ballet are interwoven with a weak story of

jealous love, Lass potent than the magical Blood Wedding, but the dancing remains irresistible. With

THE DRESSER (PG)
Odeon Haymarket (930 2738)
Proficient screen treatment of
Ronald Harwood's stage hit about

Ronald Harwood's stage Nt about the actor-manager and his dresser struggling through King Lear despite Hitler's bombs, fractious actors, and crumbling health. The backstage atmosphere is usefully enlarged; Albert Finney and Tom Courtenay play with great theatrical panache. Directed by Peter Yates.

Gades and Laura del Sol.

Geoff Brown Swann in Love (Cert 18) opens in London on Thurs at the Lumière

Kind Hearts and Coronets (1949): Ealing comedy of a blacker sort, with Dennis Price with his eye on the family fortune and eight versions of Alec Guinness standing In his way (BBC2, Fri

The Trials of Oscar Wilde (1960): Peter Finds of Oscar white (1500)
Oscar, suing the Marquis of
Queensbury (Lionel Jeffries) for
libel; James Mason in support
(BBC1, Fri, 10.50pm-12.55am).

Parisian lewel caper, with a famous robbery sequence that lasts nearly half an hour without dialogue (BBC2, Frl, 11.35pm-1.35am)

Critics' choice



Teacher: Michael Caine

Educating Rita appealing second feature by Carroll Ballard, director of *The* Black Stallion, mixing wild-life adventure and quirky comedy with a poetic contemplation of man and nature. Charles Martin Smith gives an amusing lead performance; the wolves are good, too,

THE RIGHT STUFF (15) Warner West End (439 0791) Tom Wolfe's novel about America's space pioneers, brought to the screen as a sumptuous, three-hour epic. The style veers between treverent comedy and worshipful, patnotic drama; compulsive viewing with sharp insights into space-race ballyhoo. Written and directed by Philip Kaufman; with Ed Harris, Scott Glenn and Sam

RUMBLE FISH (18) Lumiere (836 0691) until Wed Francis Coppola's latest film defies all categories; a black and white fantasy about youthful hopes and alienation, shot with determined poetic intent and meshed with a riveting rhythmic score by Stewart Copeland (from the rock group The Police). Featured players Matt Dillon and Mickey Rourke

EDUCATING RITA (PG) Classic Oxford Street (636 0310) Odeon Kensington (602 6644)
Royal Charing Cross Road
(930 6915)
Michael Caine and Julie Walters in effortiessly merge into the crazy Lewis Gilbert's award-winning film adapted from the stage play by Willy Russell.

LIANNA (18) Screen on Baker Street (935 2772) A married woman drifts into a lesblan relationship with her night-school teacher - a situation presented by American writer-director John Sayles with tact, wit and clever use of modest resources. Marvellous lead performances from Linda Griffiths. Jene Hallgren and Jon DeVries. NEVER CRY WOLF (PG) Classic Chelsea (352 5095) Classic Haymarket (839 1527)

raw, As indeed do we. A highly

Learner: Mitchell Lichtensteln

fabric of shadows, scudding clouds and surreal compositions on a novel by S. E. Hinton STREAMERS (18)

Gate Notting Hill (221 0220/727 5750) Robert Alman's latest film continues his new love affair with the theatre. David Rabe's stark the theatre. David Rabe's stark play about young, green soldiers waiting for shipment to Vietnam is simply but pungently brought to the screen with vivid performances and an acute sense of emotional claustrophobia. The entire principal cast won the Best Actor prize at the 1983 Venice Film Festival; Mitchell Lichtenstein, as the dandified homosexual, is particularly

TESTAMENT (PG)
Gate Bloomsbury (837 1177)
Nuclear war comes to a small no jokes, and a strong emphasis on maternal love, Jane Alexander stars as the mother holding on to family life while society crumbles. The feature film debut of director Lynne Littman, experienced in television and documentary. With William Devane, Ross Harris and Roxana Zai.

TO BE OR NOT TO BE (PG) Cinecenta Panton Street (930 Cinecenta Panton Street (350 0631) Classic Chelsea (352 5096) Classic Tottenham Court Road

(636 6148)
Odeon Kensington (602 6644)
Studio Oxford Circus (437 3300)
Ernst Lubitsch's acerbic cornedy
warnine classic about Pofish actors outwitting Nazi minions, inoffensively remade as a vehicle for Mel Brooks and his wife Anne Bancroft. The original script's sancron. The brightal script's brilliant structure survives unaltered (along with much dialogue); the playing is agreeable, provided one forgets Jack Benny and Carole Lombard. Directed by Alan Johnson; with Tim Matheson, Charles Purping, José Ferrer.

Charles Durning, José Ferrer. UNDER FIRE (15)
Odeon Marble Arch (723 2011/2)
Three journalists covering the
Nicaraguan revolution in 1979 find
their personal and professional

allegiances pushed to breaking point. An old Hollywood plot rattles about in Roger Spottiswoode's thriller like old dried peas in a gleaming new pod. But the action is excludingly staged, and woode finds good use for Nick Notte's monolithic presence. VERTIGO (PG) Classic Chelsea (352 5096) Electric Screen (formerly Electric

Portobello Road) (229 3694)
Plaza Piccadilly Circus (437 1234)
Long-awaited revival of
Hitchcock's 1958 thriller, in which James Stewart's ex-detective with a fear of heights is obsessed and confused by Kim Novak. Sleek and preposterous on the surface, with turbulent emotions bubbling underneath (admirably complemented by Bernard Herrmann's anguished score).

the time of going to press. Late thanges an often made and it is advisable to check, usi the telephone numbers given.

Rock & Jazz

GEORGE BENSON Empire Way, Middlesex (902 1234); Tues, National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham A brilliant lazz-funk outtarist and a ikable soul singer. Benson puts his own rhythm Section together with the LSO strings on such songs as This Masquerade", "Nature Boy" and "On Broadway". Last time, at the same venue, the formula

100 mm

worked beautifully. **HOWARD JONES** Tonight, Colston Hall, Bristol; temorrow, St David's Hall, Cardiff; Mon, Guildford Civic Hall; Tues/Wed, Hammersmith Odeon. Queen Caroline Street, London W6 (748 4081); Thurs, Cliffs Pavilion, Southend; Fri, Southampton Gaumont Pale, tousled, wistful little-boy-blue

Gilbert O'Sullivan for the Smash Hits set. ART BLAKEY Tonight and Mon to Sat, Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (439 0747) The master drummer brings in the latest edition of the Jazz Messengers, that nonparell college

in en outsize overcoat - he is

of musical knowledge.

ROGER KELLAWAY

varied interests.

Tonight and Mon to Sat, Pizza on the Park, 11 Knightsbridge, London SW1 (235 5550) This talented American pianist has turned up in many contexts - as a member of the old Clark Terry-Bot Prookmeyer quintet, for one, and also as a writer of musicals, film scores and ballet pieces. No doubt his solo recitals will reflect these

THE KINKS Tamorrow, Poole Arts Centre: Mcn, Hammersmith Palais, 242 Shepherds Bush Road, London W6 (748 2812); Wed, Southampto Gaumont; Fri, Manchester Apolic More popular by far in the United States than at home, Ray Davies's band have responded to the demands of American stadium audiences by turning into a medium-metal band.

LEE KONITZ Tomorrow, Strathallan Hotel, Birmingham; Mon, Gardner
Centre, Brighton; Tues Braunstone
Hotel, Leicester; Wed, Vino's Wine
Bar, Nottingham; Thurs, Band on the Wall, Manchester, Fri, Queen's Hall, Bredford

From his beginnings with Claude
Thornhill and Lennie Tristano to his
recent duets with Martial Solal and
the work with his own delightful nonet, Konitz has been one of the major jazz voices of the alto saxophone. His accompaniment during this tour will come from the nited American planist Harold Danko, plus the line British team of Dave Green (bass) and Trevor

IAN DURY Tomorrow, Oxford Apollo Am excellent communicator in any event. Dury should be heard and seen to particular advantage in this celightful theatre - one of the best on the rock-tour circuit.

JORMA KAUKONEN Thurs, Dingwalls, Camden Lock, Chalk Farm Road, London NW1 Those with fond memories of Surrealistic Pillow and After Sathing at Baxter's will probably want to find out what the guitarist

who once sounded so creative with

Jetterson Airplane has been up to since psychedelia went sour.

Concerts

HASSON'S HAVANAISE Wigmore Street, London W1 (935 2141, credit cards 930 9232) Maurice Hasson has put together enother unusual violin recital which and introduction and Rondo Capriccioso, Ravel's Habanera and Tzigane, framed by sonatas from Debussy and Faure (Op 13).

HANDEL Today, 7.45pm, Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (928 3191, credit cards 928 6544) Charles Famcombe conducts the Handel Orchestra, Handel Opera Chorus and various soloists in music from Handel's First Foundling Hospital Concert. This Includes the Foundling Hospital Anthem, excerpts from Solomon, Music for the Royal Fireworks, and Concerto Grosso Op 6 No 10.

BELLE EXCENTRIQUE Tomorrow, 11.30am, Wigmore Hall After Bizet's arrangement of Schumann's Etudes en Forme de Canon, Richard Markham and David Nettie's four hands at one piano undertake Satie's riotous le Excentrique. Chabrier's Rouree Fantasque echoes the same café concert tradition, and Schubert's Marches Militaires D 733 are scarcely more serious. OROMONTE ENSEMBLE Tomorrow, 6.30pm, Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, London WC1

(242 8032) The Oromonte Ensemble plays piano quartets by Mozart and Schumann, and a Trio in F sharp minor by Haydn. PEZZI PIANISSIMI

Tomorrow, 7pm, Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (928 3191, credit cards 928 6544) The Redcliffe Ensemble offers the Pezzi Pianissimi of Benjamin Frankel, and the Clarinet Quartet and Violin Sonata of Alan Rawsthome, two neglected composers. Frank Bridge's Divertimenti will also be heard, and Paul Patterson's Comedy.

SCHUTZ'S PASSION Tomorrow, 7.30pm, St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (222 The English Festival Chorus is conducted by Julian Williamson in Schütz's St Matthew Passion.
Wolf's Sechs Geistliche Lieder and

Schoenberg's Friede Auf Erden. LAMBERT RARITY Tomorrow, 7.30pm, Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (928 3191, credit cards 928 6544)
The "Great British Music Festival"
ends with some worthwhile pieces,
including Constant Lambert's rarely performed Music for Orchestra, Holst's coldly disquieting Egdon Heath and Bliss's Checkmate Ballet Suite.

I IGHT TUTINO Mon. 1pm, St John's The world première of Tutino's Light Sonata is sandwiched between Mozart's C major Adaglo and Rondo and Schoenberg's Kammersymphonie No 1. Conducting the Jan Latham-Koenig Ensemble is Jan Latham-Koenig

MONTEVERDI, GESUALDO Mon, 7.30pm, St John's A few hours later the Schutz Consort of London performs Monteverdi's Lamento d'Arianna and Lagrime d'Amante al Sepoicro dell'Amata. Then comes Gesualdo s *Responsoria Sabbato* Sancto. Heady stuff.

Opposites brought together

Such polarizations are usually facile, but Richard Strauss and Gustav Mahler can reasonably be spoken of as representing the conservative and radical tendencies respectively within the Austro-German musical tradition in the early years of this century. The juxtaposition of some of their major works in the Philharmonia Orchestra's forthcoming series, "Mahler, Strauss and their influence", should beighten our appreciation of their special qualities.

it starts next Tuesday at the Queen Elizabeth Hall with a showing of Ken Russell's film Mahler and the music begins in the Festival Hall 24 hours later with Wagner's Tristan and Isolde Prelude, an apt choice, as both Strauss and Mahler were renowned conductors of this opera. The main piece on Wednesday, though, is Mahler's Symphony No I, to which is added Berg's Worzeck Fragments, the first of a series of associated works to be included

in the six concerts. HUNGARIAN, HEBREW Tues, 6pm, Purcell Room In the Park Lane Group's Young Artists Series Catherine Wyn-Rogers sings Bartók's Hungarian Songs, Ravel's Hebrew Songs, Matthews's Baudelaire Songs and

Berg's Op 2 Songs. ISSERLIS, EVANS Tues, 7.30pm, Wigmore Hall
A particularly full programme is
oftered by the cellist Staven Isseriis
with Peter Evans (plano): Sonatas by Poulenc and Fauré (Óp 117), Bach's Suite No 5, Schumann's Adagio and Allegro Op 70 and Rachmaninov's seldom-heard

CHARACTERISTIC KROOL Tues, 7.30pm, Purcell Room Krool's Characteristic Pieces among the rarities played by the Delos Quartet. So are Ginastera's Impresiones de la Puna, Foote's Night Piece, Villa-Lobos's Bachianas Brasileiras No 5, Jacob's Prelude and Rondino, Rossini's La Regata Veneziana and or Johnson's Suite by William



Poles apart: Gustav Mahler (left) and Richard Strauss

These include Berg's Lulu Suite next Thursday, Webern's Orchestral Piece Op 10 on April 8, his Passacaglia Op I and Schoenberg's Orchestral Pieces Op 16 on April 11. The main Festival Hall items on Thursday, however, will be Strauss's Don Quixote and Mahler's Kindertotenlieder, followed on April 8 in the Queen Elizabeth Hall by Mahler's complete Des Knaben Wunderhorn and Strauss's late Symphony for Wind Instruments.

Tues, 7.46pm, Queen Elizabeth Let us hope that in Liszt's

Michael Ponti plays the piano better than on his last visit to London. The rest of this attractiv London Lyric Orchestra concert consists of Haydn's Symphony No 44, Holst's St Paul's Suite and Elgar's Spanish Lady Suite. Omri Hadari conducts.

BEAN'S BACH Wed, 7.30pm, Wigmore Hall
David Bean dares to play Bach –
the Chromatic Fantasia and Fugue
– on the plano before going on to
Busoni's mysterious Elegies Nos 1,
4 and 6, Listz's Dante Sonata,
Chronic's Relongies On 26 No 2 and Chopin's Polonaise Op 26 No 2 and some Schubert Impromptus.

IN THE SOUTH Wed, 7.30pm, St John's Elgar's in the South Overture opens this concert by the Young Musicians' Symphony Orchestra, although the main attraction is Martinu's Symphony No 2, not



Musical highlights: violinist Maurice Hasson (tonight, Wigmore Hall) and Jan Latham-Koenig, cond ting his own ensemble lunchtime concert (Monday, St John's, Smith Square)



PREVIEW Music

The former's "Resurrection" Symphony (No 2) will be given in the Festival Hall on April 11, his Ruckert Lieder in the Queen Elizabeth Hall on April 15 and his Das Lleder von der Erde in the closing Festival Hall programme on April 19. Strauss's Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme and excerpts from Ariadne auj Naxos will be heard on April 15 with Schoenberg's Accompaniment to an Imaginary Film Max Harrison

often performed. Christopher Adey

LAST JUDGEMENT Thurs, 7.45, Queen Elizabeth Hall The Chorus of the Chelsea. Harmonic Society combines with the Sinfonia Pro Musica and many soloists under Edward de Rivera in Spohr's The Last Judgement. It's all part of the Spohr bicantenary

celebrations. HANDEL'S PASSION Thurs, 6.30pm, St Anne's, Gresha Street, London EC2 Handel's Brockes Passion, not a work that is performed every day, is heard from Tracey Chadwell, Timothy Wilson, Philip Salmon, Antony Rich, Mark Wildman, Lynton Black and the Lecosaldi Ensemble conducted by Peter Lea

This week's second performance of Saint-Saëns's Havanaise is or same-pairs a maranase is given by Carmel Hakendorf, who adds to it violin sonatas by Delius (No 2), Prokofiev (No 2), the Corell Krelsler *La Folia*, and the world première of Stiles's Eclogue.

ANDREI NIKOLSKY Thurs, 7.45pm, Queen Elizabeth The planist Andrei Nikolsky plays large group of Rachmaninov Preludes, Liszt's Sonatz, Prokofiev's Sonata No 7, and some Schubert-Liszt songs.

PERSICHILLI'S PETRASSI Fri, 7.30pm, Wigmore Half Angelo Persichilii offers Petrassi's Romanzetto and other flute pieces such as Casella's Siciliana e Burlesca, Poulenc's Sonata, Clementi's Sonata No 2, J. C. Bach's Sonata No 5, Schubert's disappointing Variations D 802 and the Kurt Well arrangement of Busoni's Divertimento Op 52.

Films: David Robinson and Geoff Brown; Concerts: Max Harrison; Opera: Hilary Finch; Rock & Jazz: Richard Williams

Opera

COVENT GARDEN Rigoletto comes back into reperiory at the Royal Opera House this week with Edward Downes conducting the Zeffire! production, restaged after an sence of six years. Performances on Tues and Fri. In between, on Mon and Thurs, comes Bellini's I Capulati e i Montecchi, the other Romeo and Juliet, in a new production by Pier-Luigi Pizzi. The work has not been **OPERA NORTH** performed at Covent Garden since 1848: now it is conducted by Riccardo Muti with a strong cast led by Czech soprano Edita

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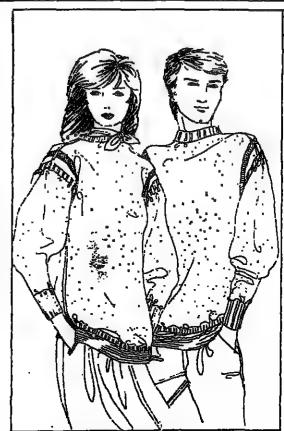
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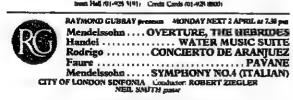
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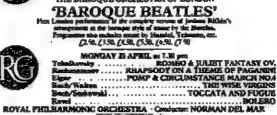
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Chess

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Stark truth after trail of blunders

have been much exercised of I have been much exercised of late by the question of how and why one makes mistakes in chess and more importantly, how to avoid them. I should explain that last year I resumed playing match chess after the brief interval of 17 years. All the price well for some time. went well for some time. I fought my way up from board six to board one and finished up the season with the score of 84 out of 11.

Satisfactory enough you might say; but I became a little uneasy at the number of blunders I was committing and my uncase has deepened this season with an unusually large crop of them.
So, being, like most chess-

players, a bookish sort of chap, I turned to books to find out why I was making these errors and how I could avoid them. First of all I looked at an

excellent book published a few years ago by George Allen & Unwin, Chess Mistakes, How to Detect and Avoid Them by Andrew Soltis (£5,95), This was well written entertaining and knowledgeable but it failed to solve my problem. I experi-enced no difficulty in detecting my mistakes. They did not hide from me but came up to me boldly, smiting me fairly and squarely in the solar plexus.

But recognition represents a mere 5 per cent of the problem. This must be a psychological matter. Well and good, there are books on psychology and chess such as grandmaster Nikolai Krogius's *Psychology in Chess* published about the same time as the book by Solus (£4.95, by Pitman's). This, with its chapter on some deficiencies of attention and in particular with its last chapter on mistakes and its appendix on the link between age and success, was more to the point but still failed to offer

a solution to my problem. Quite recently, I turned to another well-written and entertaining work, The Psychology of Chess by W. R. Hartston & P. C. Wason (Batsford, £7.95). Since Wason is a well-known and respected psychologist and Hartson Hartston an accomplished player and writer, in addition to being an industrial psychologist, the work is undoubtedly a good one and very readable.

Appalling opening play from Sultan Khan

Curiously, both authors are weak on the history of chess. They have, for example, got the case of Sultan Khan, the Indian wonder, quite wrong. They write, correctly, that his opening play was bad even in his best years and appalling by modern indatus. But the reason advance, that "the level of technique is far higher in the modern game, making it corres-pondingly more difficult to survive without the benefit of theoretical study", is quite

fallacious.
In his early years Sultan Khan knew only the old form of chess in which the pawns could move only one square at a time even at the beginning of the game and in which the pieces were far less mobile than they are today. Hence his adoption of close forms of opening and failure to develop his pieces

rapidly. After much heart-searching I have finally discovered the reason for my blunders. It is simply that I am too old for the me. Though I can still tell a hawk from a handsaw, especially when the wind is in the west, all too often I find that

the wind is in the east. I am much encouraged, therefore, by the following game from this year's Wijk-aan-Zee grandmaster tournament, in which the Dutch master, Gert Ligterink, commits a blunder I

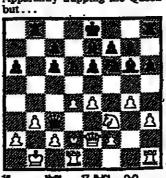
would have been proud to have White: G Ligterink. Black: A. Miles. Pirc Defence Starting off with the Nimzo-

witsch to the King's Pawn Black soon transposes to a Pirc 2 N-KB3 P-Q3 3 P-Q4 N-B3 4 N-B3 B-N5 6 B-QN5

A move recommended and practised by the Danish grand-master Bent Larsen which is inferior to both B-K3 and P-Q5 since it allows Black to have the advantage of two Bishops.

5... P-GR3 6 Buhlch PrB 7 P-KR2 B-R4 8 G-K2 P-K3 9 P-KN4 B-K3 10 B-R5 B-K2 11 0-0-0 P-R3 12 B-B4 And not 12 B-R4 to which Black can reply 12 . . . NxP. 12 . . . Q-N1 13 K-N1 G-N5 14 E-B1 R-CM1 15 P-N3 A mistake, and quite a natural one. He thinks that if Black captures the Knight he can trap the Queen by B-Q2. Correct was

simply 15 K-R1. 15 . . . Cool 15 B-02 Apparently trapping the Queen



6... Hupt 17 B-K1 0-0 White resigns since he has no way of capturing the enemy Queen without losing his own. For if 18 R-Q3 Q-B5. Or if 18 N-N1 P-Q4, 19 Q-B1 Q-B5.

We were discussing holidays. "And what". I said to the wife who was planning a second honeymoon, "do you propose to do with the result of the first — not to mention his younger brother and sister?" "No problem", she replied, discarding the Theiland brothers are girls up a lem", she replied, discarding the Thailand brochure to pick up a cup of tea," the Aged Parents will have them". For three weeks?" I said. "Sure. The APs will love it and the kids prefer them to us. They'll have a ball."

I know the APs in question, not aged at all, but a sprightly pair in their early sixties who live in a kind of Dennis Potter land (sans sinister undertones).

land (sans sinister undertones). apportioning their time between each other, the garden, the golf course and a goodly quantity of gin. The children will have a ball. Come to that, so would I. Most children lucky enough

to have grandparents are not slow to appreciate their value-up front with presents and treats, a reassuring alternative lap or shoulder when a parent is otherwise engaged, an oc-casional source of a little more pocket money. Nor does it take them long to discover that the older members of the family, are turning a blind eye to the misdemeanours that parents

point out.
In fact grandparents are pretty good eggs. So they may be a little slower, but that too has its advantages. Your father can dodge when he sees you coming but granded usually has time to help you oil a cricket bat, teach you to cast a fly, mend a broken car. Granny doesn't nag about your dirty neck and doesn't shout at you when you make a mess all over the kitchen table. And she doesn't, as some mothers do with their daughters, compete when it comes to looks and clothes, telling you that a dress is too old or too expensive for

But of all the fine attributes possessed by the grandparents –
patience, forbearance, generosity – the one most likely to
earn true gratitude is their
apparent gullibility. Try telling
your mother that it was Teddy who spilt the Ribena all over the sheets, or your father that you scored I I goals without any help from the team and you are likely to be met with a beady eye or a smart "don't lie!"

The grandparent, however, will murmur sympathetically or wonder at your prowess. They know, of course, what you are up to: but what you mistake for guilibility is in fact a non-critical acceptance of the need to indulge in a little fantasy.

As the parent responsible for your children's destiny - or so you believe - it often seems of paramount importance that they learn to distinguish fact from fiction. Grandparents, at one remove, often know better, helpmeets, ittends and play



Family Life

Why grandparents are good eggs

made as many mistakes.

One of the nicest grannies I know explained why she is what her daughter describes as soft with her grandchildren: "When you get to my age you should have realized that what goes on in your head and in your imagination is what sees you through. Reality intrudes soon enough and children recognize it when they need to. But they also need to invent, to learn how to 'con' you - after all these are qualities you need to

If that sounds a little cynical, how much more so is the summing up of the grandparent's role given by a dear old friend, whose battered face bears witness to what must be life - three wives, six children, ten grandchildren. So far. suspect that his grandson would "Having grandchildren is like have had a far wider vocabulary being given another chance and general knowledge (for he when you thought you had could out-chip Mr Chips), as when you thought you had exhausted them all. You can try to make amends for all the things you didn't do, time you didn't spend with your own because you were too busy with your affairs. And when you've

I was blessed with an embarrassment of riches, with of childhood that his granny is four grandparents and one great his favourite lady and that his grandmama extant throughout granded could show Dad a my childhood. All of them were, thing or two. varying degrees, leachers,

and bad, can still be feit.

Which is partly why I mourn the fact that both my parents are dead. And my children must make do with photographs and related memories and accept that no amount of description can bring to life the grandparent who was never known. Had my mother not died when my son was three weeks old be would have been so much richer - not financially, but through her influence. He

would have certainly been better mannered (a stickler, my mother) and more confident (she worked wonders with my voungest stepdaughters and numerous great nieces and nephews). And had the father who gave bears witness to what must be up the ghost because, quite described as a full and varied simply, he could not bear to live without his wife, been around, I

well as a greater acquaintance with beer, cribbage and shove halfpenny. He would certainly have laughed a lot.

As it is, my son has two wonderful grandparents on his had enough - you just hand father's side. And I am not the them back!" slightest bit jealous when he tells me with the brutal honesty

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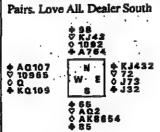
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A chance boldly seized, but is it bridge?

Some people dismiss Pairs contests, with their exaggerated emphasis on over-tricks, as an artificial form of bridge. There is much to be said for that point of view, but the special con-ditions which apply undoubt-edly afford opportunities for skilful play.



Double 19 24 30 No

The auction contained several aggressive bids, typical of the Pairs game. At most forms of scoring West, having doubled on the first round, should leave any further enterprise to his partner, and South would have little excuse to proceed to four diamonds.

South won the opening lead 15 Personal manservant south won the opening lead with dummy's A When he played a diamond to his OK and West contributed the OQ. South paused to reconsider his initial plan. Taking the diamond suit in isolation the percentages favour a finesse against East. At either Teams or Rubber bridge that would probably be the correct continuation. But one of the secrets of (7) 24 Unwarranted (5) 25 Normal (7) ation. But one of the secrets of success at Pairs is to relate your line of play to the probable results at the other tables.

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South's decision to bid four diamonds was marginal, so he could legitimately suppose that the contract at several tables would be three spades by East-West. If the diamonds were 3-1 then three spades would succeed unless the hearts were 3-3. On that basis South cashed the Ace of diamonds and turned to the hearts, in the hope of

obtaining a discard. Provided that the hearts were 3-3 or that East had four hearts, he would occasion he was defeated. South's plan was eminently correct for two reasons. First of all he had two strings to his bow, the diamond break or the heart break. More potently he calculated that if both chances

failed he might lose to those

North-South pairs who were

would be sure to beat all the North-Souths who were defend-ing against three spades. They would make only two hearts and the two minor aces, and minus 50 is of course a better South's rebid would be unparscore than minus 140. on the second hand declarer aware that he needed some top

had to apply the same sort of convoluted reasoning.



scores to hold any chance. The appearance of dummy base confirmed his worst fears. The tion.

In three no trumps the heart lead had given the defence an invaluable tempo. South can knock out one minor ace but not both before the defenders enjoy their hearts. It appears

south seized bravely. Assume the spades break badly, and base the play on that presumpwnote field could be expected to be playing in four spades. With a normal spade break they would lose only the two minor aces, making 650 points.

In three no trumes the spades with dummy's VA and to East's mortification immediately finessed the ten of spades. He still made only 10 tricks but to the spades. the declarer in four spades. Plus

630 was a complete top. C'est

that his maximum expectation

There was only one hope, which

magnifique, mais ce n'est pas le bridge? Jeremy Flint

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The celebration starts tonight with a
Concert in the Queen Elizabeth Half (see
Concerts, page 17) and continues until
Nov. Information from Jeffery Lacey,
Royal Society of Musicians (01-493
7463 or 01-549 9583).

SNAPPING OUT: The Saturday Night Theatre production is a play by Martin Worth based on the true story of Susen Swatland, a physical education student who defected to the Unification Church of Sun Myung Moon (the Moonles) and was discovered by her parents living a life of near-slavery in San Francisco. Susan is played by Lesley Dunkop. Radio 4, 8.30-10 pm.

Temorrow

SILVER ON SHOW: A selection of silver objects from the Edwardian periods goes on display in the State Rooms and Great Hall of Burghley House, Stamford, Lincolnshire. Most of the pieces have not been seen in public for many years and include a spectacular Queen Anne wine cistern by Philip Rollas (c 1710) which is five feet long. Until Oct 7, Mon-Sat 11am-5pm, Sun and Good Friday 2-5pm. Admission to houses and exhibition £2.50; reductions for children.

Monday

THOMAS IN THE CITY: A collection of 25 bold and imaginative paintings and drawings by art teacher David Cheepen. They include "Thomas in the City", a autiful image, measuring about 5in by

5in and crafted with immense delicacy, of a cat superimposed on St Paul's Cathedral, and "Receiving Instruction", a striking self-portrait. Cheepen says of his work: "I paint as a child would paint if he or she could paint as I paint." Portal Gallery, 16a Grafton Street, London W1 (01-629 3506). Until Apr 19, Mon-Fri 10am-5.45pm, Sat 11am-2pm. Free.

LONDON ISNROLLED: A colourful panoramic print rolls from a screw-top box to show a 14ft-long view of the Thames from Vatixhall Bridge to the Tower in 1822. This rare item in a sale of fine decorative prints is expected to fetch about £1,000. A panorama of Sidmouth, Devon, in 1815, framed despite its 9ft length, is expected to sell for £600. The star lot is an album of Swiss views, estimated at £10,000. Phillips, Blenheim Street, London W1 (01-629 6602) at 11am and

Tuesday

GOTHIC ART: Thirty Gothic wood carvings and Old Master paintings from the collection of Dr Peter Hierzenberger of Vienna come for sale today and tomorrow. The period is appreciated most in Germany nowadays and the collection demonstrates a Germanic eye at work. The most distinguished carving is a large limewood Virgin and Child (C1480) of the Brixen school. Among the paintings is a Jan de Beer "Adoration of the Magi" (c 1520). Sotheby's, Bond Street, London W1 (01-493 8080), 10:30sm. is appreciated most in Germany

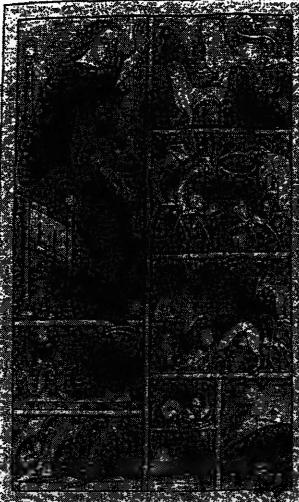
ROMAN ROBERT: Red chalk drawings ROMAN BOBERT: Red chalk drawings of Rome and its environs by Harbert Robert demonstrate the artist's enjoyment of the great southern capital and show how little Rome has changed since the eighteenth century. Today's sale also includes two charming sketches in the Roman campagna by Vanvitelli, as well as important figure drawings by Tintoretto and Tiepolo. Christie's, 8 King Street, London SW1 (01–839 9060), 11am.

STRANGE INTERLUDE: Eugene O'Neili's five-hour play about one wonan's search for identity over 30 years, Glenda Jackson, Edward Petherbridge, Brian Cox and James Hazeldine, directed by Kelth Hack, Duke of York's (01-836 5122). Previews today, Wed, Thurs at 6 pm, opens Fri at 6 pm. Mon-Sat at 6 pm, no matinées. THE CLANDESTINE MARRIAGE: inaugural production of Anthony Quayle's Compass Company (see page

QUBOOL KIYA MAIN NE: In English/ OUBCOL NITA main that it brights to Do, I Do, this is a Hindustani-language play by Mujeeb Siddiqui, the first Asian play to get a run in a major London theatre. Indian stage star Himeyatullah has come over to take a leading role in nas come over to take a leading role in this comedy which looks at the problems of arranged marriages and old and lonely Asians in Britain. Shaw Theatre, 100 Euston Road, London NW1 (01-388 7727). Opens today at 7.30 pm. Until Apr 7, Tues-Sat at 7.30 pm; matines Sat at 3.30 pm.

KING: The Play For Today. by Barrie Keeffe, on of our most incisive young dramatists, is about a Jamaican-born train driver who has spent a happy life in England but plans, in retirement, to return to his native country. But when he proposes to hand over the deeds of his house to his two daughters, their reaction is not what he expects. Thomas Baptiste plays Mr King, with Josette Simon and Elia Wilder athe girls. BBC1, 9.25-10.45pm.

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Norman bequests: From the Hayward Gallery's exhibition of English Romanesque art, a folio from a Bestiary of about 1200 showing Adam naming the animals, and a Queen from the twelfth-century Lewis Chessmen (Thursday)

Wednesday

A WEAVER'S LIFE: ETHEL MAIRET: One of the major and figures in the British arts and crafts movement during the first half of this century. Ethel Mairet was influential in many areas connected with textiles and weaving, both through her writings and the example of her own work. She was also a famous collector and an important teacher. This show is based on the large collection of garments, lengths of cloth; samples, photographs, diades and miscollaneous papers she diaries and miscellaneous papers she left when she died in 1952. Crafts Council Gallery, 12 Waterloo Place, Lower Regent Street, London SW1 (01-930 4811). Until May 27, Tues-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm.

A CIRCLE: PORTRAITS AND SELF-PORTRAITS: Avigdor Arikha, Frank Auerbach, Lucien Freud and R. B. Kital are foreign figurative artists who are mutual friends and have made London an important centre for their work. This exhibition of prints and drawings from the past decade finds common ground in each artist's interest in the human face and his use of immediate family or close friends as sitters. Mariborough Graphics, 39 Old Bond Street, London W1 (629 5161). Until May 12, Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm; Sat 10am-12.30pm. Free.

BARNETT FREEDMAN: Though Freedman's book illustrations remain well-known, most of his other work -1958. Now they have been taken out

from storage and are being shown again, revealing an artist of rare integrity and consistency, whose vision remained constant whatever medium of fine or decorative art he was working in, Gillian Jason Gallery, 42 Invarness Street, London NW1 (267 4835). Until May 18, Tues-Sat 10,30am-5,30pm.

MASTER PAINTINGS: Works by Carpaccio are vary rarely seen on the market and the "Virgin and Child with Saints" in an Old Master painting sale today is expected to fetch £300,000-£400,000. The sale also boasts "Allegory of Winter and Summer" by Pittoni, a flower still-life by Jan van Huysum and a skating scene by Aelbert Cuyp, Sotheby's, Bond Street, London W1 (01-493-8080) at 11am. CRIES FROM THE MAMMAL

HOUSE: New play by Terry Johnson (author of Insignificance), about a journey from a perniless zoo on the south coast, to Mauritius and back. Cast includes Roger Rees, David Lyon, Jennie Stoller, Leo Wringer, Nizwar Karanj, directed by Phil Young (author of Crystal Clear). Opens at the Royal Court in May, Leicester Haymarket Studio (0533 539797).

Proview Index at 7.45nm. coans. Preview today at 7.45pm, opens tomorrow at 7.45pm. Until Apr 28, Mon-Thur at 7.45pm, Fri and Sat at 8.15pm.

CAMILLE: New play by Pam Gerns, based on the Dumas story, La Dame aux Camelias, with music by Liszt and choreography by Anthony van Last.
Frances Barber plays the heroine,
Marguerite Gautier; Nicholas Farrell is
Armand Duval; and Polly James is
Prudence. Directed by Ron Daniels. The

Other Place, Stratford-upon-Avon (0789 295623). Today-Fri at 7.30pm. In

BRITISH FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP: BRITISH FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP: After being outplayed by the French in Paris recently, England will be hoping to put on a more convincing display against a Northern Ireland team which, though largely drawn from the lower divisions of the league, has a habit of rising to the occasion. There is live commentary from Wembley on Radio 2, from 7.30pm, and television highlights on Midweek Sports Special, ITV, from 19.40pm. 10.40pm.

SIXTY YEARS OF SCHOOL RADIO: The first broadcast for schools was a music lecture from Savoy Hill by Sir Waltord Davies on April 4, 1924. John Dunn tells the story of the service, with reminiscences from writers, actors and producers and extracts from famous series like How Things Began, Singing Together and Rhoda Power Stories From World History, and looks at plans for the future. Radio 4, 8-45-9.45pm.

Thursday

ROLLERCOASTER: A DRW three-hour live programme on Radio 4. Presented by Richard Baker, it incorporates the existing Daily Service and Morning Story but also includes a chat show, outside broadcasts and an examination of eri issue of the

invited to give their views. The programme will run every Thursday for six months and then be. assessed in the light of sudience reaction. Radio 4, 9am-noon.

M ENGLISH ROMANESQUE ART 1066-1200: Artistic activity in Norman England produced such great illuminated manuscripts as the Winchester Bible; the richly coloured stained glass of Canterbury Cathedral stained glass of Cantlestick and the finely carved hory Bury St Edmunds Cross, as well as sculpture to embelish the new churches. The finest surviving works are exhibited, together with art audio-visual programme on the buildings for which they were made. Hayward Gallery, South Bank, London SEI (01-928 3144). Until July 8, Mon-

Wed 10am 8pm; Thurs-Sat 10am-6pm; Sun noon-6pm, Adults 22, students, schoolchildren, unwaged, pensioners £1; Tues and Wed 6-8pm and all day Mon £1,

VIOLINCELLOS GALORE: There is a fine range of cellos for sale, not too heavily priced. The star item is an Italian cello of 1878 by Enrico Rocca (estimate £10,000-£12,000) but cheaper ones are a Paul Bailly of 1898 (£7,000-£9,000) or a German cello of around 1875 (£1,000-£1,500). The sale aistrias an interesting section of eighteenth-century printed music, all estimated at well below £100. Christle's, 8 King Street, London SW1 (01-839 9060) at 11am.

THE BRITISH INTERNATIONAL ANTIQUES FAIR: The opening ceremony is being performed by the Marquess of Heritard at noon but buying and selling will start an hour before. There are 80 stands displaying artiques of all kinds: furniture is pre-1840 and all other items pre-1884, with the exception of carpets which are pre-1900. National Exhibition Centre.
Birmingham. Until Apr 11, Mon-Sat
11am-9pm, Sun and Apr 11, 11am-6pm,
Admission £3 on the first day, then £2.
For information telephone: 021 780

THE COUNTRY GIRLS:
Desmond Davis's film traces the
lives of two Irish girls from 1950s, With Maeve Germaine, Jill Goyle and Sam Neil, Cert PG. Minema, Knightsbridge (235 4225/6).

THE MERCHANT OF VENICE: A new production by the Royal Shakespeare Company, directed by John Caird. With Ian McDiarmid as Shylock and Frances Tomelty as Portia, Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon (0789 295623), Previews today and Fri at 7.30pm. In repertory.

BREAKNECK: Vince Foxali's play abut-Ruth Ellis is developed from a one-woman piece and a later full-length play on the subject of the last woman to be on the subject of the last worthan to be executed in Britain. She was convicted of shooting her lover and died in 1955. Philip Hediey directs Mary Maddox as Ruth. Theatre Royal, Stratford East, London E15 (01-534 0310). Previews today, Fri, Apr 7 at 8pm, opens Apr 9 at 7.30pm; Until May 5, Mon-Sat at 8pm.

Friday

APTISTS IN CAMERA: Photographic studios proliferated during the Victorian period and any famous person was likely to be photographed for family and friends or to satisfy the public's curiosity. Those in the art world were no exception. This exhibition concentrates

on photographs of Victorian painters, their families, studios and models. A large section on the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood includes some rare photographs of Holman Hunt from his own family collection.

The Victorian Art World in Photographs, National Portrait Gallery, 2 St Martins Place, London WC2 (01-930 1552), Unfil June 24, Mon-Fri, 10am-5pm; Sat 10am 6pm; Sun 2-6pm. Free.

DUE TO AN ACT OF GOD: Intelligent, low-budget drama, shown at last year's London Film Festival; examining the human muddle Festival; examining the numan musque that follows a nuclear accident in a rural pocket of West Germany. Partly financed by two German television stations, who subsequently refused to transmit it. Directed by Rainer Boldt; with Renate Schroeter, Wigand Witting, leavage Buddels. Desuggesticals. Johanna Rudolph. Provocatively programmed with the shortened version of Leni Riefenstahl's Nazi congress film Triumph of the Will (1935). Cert 15. Everyman Cinema, London NW3 (01-435 1525). Until Apr 14.

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VENICE PRESERV'D: Thomas Otway's play was written in 1682 and depicts a conspiracy to overthrow a republic, it is one of our most frequently revived tragedies, apart from Shakespeare. This National Theatre production is directed by Peter Gill, with a cast including lan McKellen, Michael Pennington, Jane Lapotaire Michael Permington, veine Lapotane, Brewster Mason and Hugh Paddick, Lyttelton (01-928 2252). Previews today, Apr 7, Apr 9-11 at 7.45pm, opens Apr 12

PEG: New musical with music and lyrics by David Heneker, book by Robin Affer, hoosely based on the play Peg of My Heart by J. Hartfly Manners: Stan Phillips, Edward Duke, Martin Smith, and Broadway star Arm Morrison in the title role, lead in the tale of a poor American girl introduced into Engish society in 1913. Phoenix (01-836 2294/5/8611). Previews today at 8pm, Apr 7 at 5pm and 8.30pm, Apr 9-11 at 8pm. Opens Apr 12 at 7pm. Mon-Friat 8pm, Sat at 5pm and 8.30pm; matiness Thurs at 3pm (not Apr 12):

HAMLET: Simon Cadell takes the title role, with Malcolm Tierney, Sylvia Kay and Peter Howell as Claudius, Gertrude and Polonius respectively, directed by . Peter Farago, Birmingham Repertory . (021 236 4455), Preview today and Apr 7 at 7.30pm and 8pm, opens Apr 9 at 7.30pm, Until May 5, Mon-Fri at 7.30pm, Sat at 6pm; matinees Thurs at 2.30pm, Sat at Apm.



French connexion: Pam Gems, author of Camille (see Wednesday)

At Home/Photography

Make light work of portraits with a flashgun

What the camera saw: photographer Brian Harris of The Times used natural light from a window and went in close on the face to exclude all background for this simple but bouest portrait of actor

John Thaw. The smoke ring was luck. 55mm lens, 1/60 sec at f4, using Tri-X

honevcomb diffusers, booms with lights dangling from them the paraphernalia associated with a session in the professional photographer's the intention. A blue 80A or studio are unlikely to put the 80B daylight-to-artificial-light poor subject at case. Sadly, filter is also necessary with film despite sterling efforts by the which is balanced for daylight, photographer, the results are often disappointing: pinched expressions and nervous smiles.

Taking portraits in the more relaxed atmosphere of a sitting and tungsten, but accurate as it room is one answer. A vast array of lighting may give technical perfection, but the lar, the heat from the glaring qualities of daylight are hard to lights makes life very unbeat. Generous light from a comfortable for the subject. window or two and a moderately powerful flashgun will allow for perfectly good indoor pictures. What the pictures may lack technically, they more than make up for in spontaneity.

flood lights of about 1,275 watts angle of the light will create in general reflectors are a strong shadow contrast, giving reasonably cheap solution strength and depth to the where more exact control of the portrait. lighting is desired. The light they give off is continuous and will not vary.

When using photofloods, profile are more appealing than

however, you should remember full on. It is not an accident that

at a reasonable aperture of ix. (n addition, daylight cannot be mixed with tungsten lighting if accurate colour photography is or you must purchase film balanced specially for tungsten light. With black-and-white film it is possible to mix daylight is tungsten lighting has con-

siderable drawbacks; in particu-A mixture of daylight and electronic flash is more versatile and here, there are ways of prejudging the effects of fill-in flash. For instance, ask your subject to sit or stand near the Alternatively, tungsten photo- window. The strong directional

> Next, examine from different angles the way that the light

unflattering.
As with all composition, keep the geometry and the background simple and use the diagonals within the frame to create a sense of tension. With an idea of how the picture will look, shoot a few frames with available light only and the subject static, as a reference. If, as is likely, the contrast

created by a single light source proves too "dramatic" for photographer and subject, a simple way exists to reduce the density of shadow on that side of the face. Place a piece of white card next to the shadowed area - in other words, opposite the source of light - and this will reflect light back on to the shadow and reduce the contrast. A flash unit - known as a 'siave" - could also be placed behind the subject to give outline to his hair.

If this is insufficient, then it is time to consider fill-in flash light. Direct flash will cause an unpleasant shadowy rim behind the subject; the light must be diffused. The easiest way to do this is by "bouncing" flash light off the ceiling or wall. If these

Metallized reflectors, umbrellas, that a moving subject will blur passport pictures are invariably, are too high or far away, a piece might melt the plastic) and A word of warning. Deep set

eyes cause problems when flash light is bounced off the ceiling: harsh shadows form under the eyes. In such a case, bounce the light off a piece of card placed lower down so as to throw some light into the eye sockets. Otherwise, off-camera direct-

flash can be used in conjunction with a black background to absorb shadow, provided it is possible to adjust the manual setting to 14 to 1/16 of full power. If not, a less predictable method is to place a clean white handkerchief over the flash head or a sheet of tracing paper in the path of the flash. Reflections from spectacles

also present an obstacle. Tilt them forward a little to change the angle of reflection, and the obstacle is removed.

Judging precisely what the result of fill-in flash will look like depends on the ratio of the main source of light to that of the flash. A notion of the final image can be gained by placing a small "modelling light" of say 100 watts as near as possible to the flash (not too close or it

almost closed eyes. If nothing else, this should amuse your

Finally, there is that all important ingredient - ex-pression. While setting up the "studio". talk to your subject. Observe closely his mannerisms and look for any characteristic facial movements. Later on, it may help to ask someone else to do the talking so you can concentrate on pressing the button at the right moment. Most people move backwards and forwards in conversation and you will find it easier to move the camera backwards and forwards in time with them rather than constantly refocusing. Provided of course, that the camera is not mounted on a tripod.

Working in a more informal way, as I have suggested, may feel unpredictable or frustrating at the time, but the chances are that the outcome will be a memorable portrait, full of character, and not merely a perfectly lit pose.

Roy Cuckow

Out and About/Riding

Slinking into heaven on horseback

"Slinking into heaven" is how used to compose his sermons the forest riding is that there are stones are just coming up to the forests, and what better way to do this than on horseback? One worshipped in a forest than in a which offer a natural way of the forest riding is that there are stones are just coming up to the surface. One of our horses went which offer a natural way of the forest riding is that there are stones are just coming up to the surface. One of our horses went lame on the ride. We took it as a of the most appealing things about trees is their air of secrecy and mystery. Once you have leaving the Blackwater River of a formal jumping lesson take Entered a forest, there is behind us the most striking things, quite literally, in their something deliciously furtive thing was the variety of scenery stride in the forest. It is actually about your progress.
I had chosen Bramshill for

my ride - a forest made up of dark it is almost like night, to And there's that feeling that some 30 blocks of woodland, the exposed plains left bare by mainly pine, straddling the extensive tree felling. The peace Hampshire-Berkshire border, was heavenly. The sandy soil, Amber was my horse, and with its light covering of pine Kathy my escort, for a two-hour inecdles and fern, acts as a kind back around the plantation.

far from woodland. After Surrey and West Sussex, it is the most behind you. densely wooded English county, described by Daniel Defoe in 1724 as "one inexhaustible store-house of timber".

At around 50 years old, Bramshill is a relatively young forest, and fairly typical of those planted in the 1920s by the newly established Forestry people on horseback than by Commission. The terrain is people on foot, and in Bramshill largely heathland and heather, which is why it is mainly a pine forest. Only very old forests the occasional stoat.

enough to support hardwoods. The village of Eversley, our starting point, was once the Butterflies love woodland; it is home of Charles Kingsley, a the ideal location for them to keen rider and huntsman who breed.

church.

from the mysterious depths of more difficult to avoid a jump the interior, which can be so than to jump it in some cases. of blanket which seems to soak. In Hampshire you are never up all the sound. You can't even hear the hooves of the horse

> is dawn. Most wild animals will avoid coming out to feed in broad daylight, preferring early morning or late evening, and on their unsuspecting passengers a a horse you are in a good

position to see them. They're less likely to be disturbed by you can see rabbits, badgers, several types of deer, and even

The best place to see them is on the edge of the forest, while butterflies prefer the interior. Butterflies love woodland; it is

jumping. Riders who might be a As we entered the forest, little intimidated by the thought even if you do fall, there's often

Our ride was a large one ~ 10 of us - and we split up into groups of twos and threes for a fast canter, to avoid what could have turned into a cavalry ehind you. charge through the under-The best time for forest riding growth. Horses love to race, and pay little attention to the fact that some overhanging branches are finely positioned for giving

a carpet of moss to cushion the

sock in the eye.

Hanging branches are, of course, an occupational hazard of this type of riding country, and you are not going to be you disobey. There is nothing popular of ; cu pull them aside, merely to let them spring back into the next rider's face. Keep your distance, both in front and

behind. Only on the stonier tracks. around the edge, did we have to at that nasty in-between stage,

warning. Our route took us near

Bramshili House, designed originally for James I's son Henry, now the police training college. The trees here are thought to be the first Scots pines in England, planted by James I. Longer rides go on to Yateley, and Hartley Wininey by way of Hazeley Heath, but we headed back towards the river, returning via New Mill Ford - to wash the mud off the horses' feet. Despite warnings that fords in winter can cause chapped heels, Bramshill riders have had problems with mud fever, so it's best to wash the

mud away.
There are few restrictions on riding in forests. The most important is that you have to stick to the existing tracks. In some forests, this is a bye-law, and you will be turned out if more efficient than the shodded horse's hoof as an excavator of the ground", Raiph Hodgson. the chief forester at Bramshill, told me. It digs up the surface, which can expose tree roots to damage and discase.

It is best to avoid areas of



Muddied waters: Riders from the Rycroft Stables in Eversley wade through the New Mill Ford

left by heavy lorries and be aware of fire risk; show that you would be shot for machinery are obvious hazards. courtesy to other users of the innocently riding through with-And steer clear of tree-felling forest; and do not erect jumps operations, which are always where other less experienced clearly marked. Apart from the riders may choose the same dangers of falling timber, the sound of the chainsaw can frighten your horse into botting most forests. At Bramshill, you Otherwise, the usual forest are issued with a one-year

route.

ploughing and planting, and rules apply: don't cause damage. permit, which comes with a tag

quarries. Deep holes and ridges disturb wildlife, or drop litter, to display on your bridle. Not out one, but a forester has a fair idea of who is trying to avoid payment, and showing a clean pair of heels at a fast gallop is You need a riding permit for, not the way to behave should

Easy paths through the forest

Stables offering hacking in Bramshill Forest: Rycroft Stables. New Mill Lane, Eversley, Hampshire (0734 732761). Hacking 6.50 per hour. Also lunch rides through the forest, stopping at local inns. Wellington Riding.
Basingstoke Road, Heckfield.
Basingstoke, Hampshire (073 583308). Hacking in the lorest £6.25 per hour. The Forestry Commission publishes a series of maps, See your forests, which indicate which forests have bridle routes. These include Queen Elizabeth country park. Hampshire (six miles of horse riding trails, and rides along the South Downs Way); Alice Holt, Hampshire (ancient royal hunting forest including the historic Waterloo Oaks planted at Nelson's request to build ships for the navy). Dean Forest Park (Gloucestershire), Chiltem (Buckinghamshire), Shipboume (Kent), Wymersley (Northampton), Cropton (North Yorkshire), Trails for riders are usually marked by colour marker posts. For a permit, contact the forester in charge (via park centres). Full details on maps from Forestry Commission, 231 Constorphi Road, Edinburgh EH12 7AT. Permits for Bramshill Common cost 214 from Forestry Commission Office, Bucks Horn Anne Whitehouse Oak, Farnham, Surrey.

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Sterling's trade-weighte

currencies fell to the lowest for ‡ year yesterday, closing 0.3 down

year vesterday, closing 0.3 down at 80.1. Dealers reported some commercial selling of sterling and with the dollar firming slightly in thin pre-weekend trading, the pound lost half a cent to \$1.4425. Against the Dentsche mark it eased 1.725 pfennigs to DM3.7375.

The dollar was helped by

short-covering and nervousness over Argentina's debts. It closed one-third of a pfennig up at DM 2.5890.

STOCK EXCHANGES

FT-SE 100 Index: 1112.5 down 1.1.: day's high: 1114.4, low: 1110.1 ---FT Index: 877.0 down 4.5
FT Gits: 83.19 down 0.06 ----

Bargains: 28,420
Datastream USM Landers
Index: 113.8 up 0.1
New York: Dow Jones Industrial
Average: (latest) 1167,92 down

Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jones Index

FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

First Leisure comes to expectant market

Lord Delfont, the impressario who at 74 clearly knows the secret of everlasting youth, is bringing First Leisure Corporation to the stock market just 18 months after he organized the buy-out of the business from Trusthouse Forte, and several years before even he expected the shares to have a full listing. First Leisure is a unique investment vehicle in this country (there is no second leisure) and if that were not enough to guarantee the success of the issue, the market scents that an exciting deal is in the offing (the market is not wrong). With ill-concealed enthusiams, Lord Delfont explains that he can't say anything. "If I did, it would have to go into the prospectus". Discussions have taken place with a US holiday firm (not the big deal) and with his contacts throughout the show-business world, offers pour in daily.

In the here and now, according to Mr James Naylor, managing director of the piers, entertainment and leisure division, most of the businesses are running very efficiently and we will have another good year, I'm sure. To expand we knew we had to get our gearing down and be able to trade our stock".

First Leisure is thus raising money: £10.8m from the offer for sale through Cazenove and Hill Samuel of six million new £! shares. Shareholders including London Merchant Securities, Trusthouse Forte. Anglia Television and Investors In industry who backed Lord Delfont at the time of the buyout at £1 per share, are already looking at a profit. Wisely they are not taking it. The market is suggesting the shares will start handsomely above the offer price of 180p a share in early dealings, to 210p or even 225p. At the offer price First Leisure has a stock market capitalization of £44m. Dealings begin on Thursday week.

The sale proceeds of the offer will be used initally to reduce borrowings. As a result First Leisure will be virtually ungeared, with net asset backing of 156 per share, a capability to borrow around £20m and £8.5 million autorized but unissured shares worth a further £15m at the offer price.

Lord Delfont not making a profits forecast with the issue because the larger part of the group's profits comes in the second half of the financial year which finishes at the end of October. The first half year finishes just a fortnight after the company is floated.

Last year the group made a pretax profit of £4.49m after an interest charge of £1.95m. At the trading level profits jumped from £4.3m to £7.2m on a turnover which had risen from £36.4m to £41.9m The aggregates disguise the fact that profits from live entertainment, mainly from two London theatres, have more than halved over five years to £163,000. The profits growth, has come from piers entertainment and leisure centres which have benefited from a strict approach to staffing particularly at the Blackpool Tower.

Success will also mean wealth for the directors who have been given the chance to buy 250,000 shares at £1 each, providing the stock market price reaches certain targets. Over the period to the end of March 1989, the targets range from 160p to 475p. John Tonlan, Mr Naylor, Mr Richard Mills and Mr Richard Watt, thus have every incentive to justify the faith the master has in them.

At the offer price, First Leisure is on a fairly undemanding 15 times earnings. The board has promised to pay a net total dividend of 6p. giving the shares a prospective gross yield of 4.8 per cent. They will be in great demand.

Inscrutable logic of Jardine

Central Independent Tele-

the independent television con-

tractors to set up its own

production company called

Zenith to made films for sale to

a wider market. Mr Bob Phillis, Central's

managing director, yesterday

said the television companies

made programmes but only sold

air space. He believes that future revenue must be derived

from selling more programmes such as Central's Kennedy

series to other channels, especially in the US.

Zenith has about 10 projects in the pipeline with the first sales expected in June.

To readers of the James Clavell novels, Tai-pan and Noble House, this week's developments in Hongkong will have a familiar ring Jardine, Matheson, the oldest Hong of them all, surrounded by swirling legends of Chinese opium smug-

NEWS IN BRIEF

Central TV forms

film subsidiary



Lord Delfont: ill-concealed enthusiasm.

gling and the backdoors deals which gave the island to the British Government, admitted that its profits had fallen by 80 per cent last year. Then, in the type of tactical somersault which puntuates the Clavell novels, the new tai-pan Mr Simon Keswick, announced that shares in Jardine, Matheson would be exchanged for shares in a new parent company based Bermuda,

The shock could hardly have been greater. Mr Keswick tried to suggest that nothing much had happened. No one really believed him. Other business leaders on the island have been torn between swallowing their anger at being outwitted, and denouncing Jardine. Matherson as no longer anything like the power it used to be. But in the past two days the company's shares have tumbled by 23p to 90p and the stock market's Hang Seng index has slipped and slithered by 104.47 to 1,014.38. The only real surprise is that it is still above 1,000.

The Bermudan ploy and its reception amount to another few pieces in the mosaic which has been falling into place since the Chinese communists said that they wanted to reclaim Hongkong and the New Territories by the time the British lease on the New Territories expires in 1997 - a lease which the Chinese have never recognised anyway. Every shred of news has been minutely examined. particularly by the Hongkong Chinese, in a search for clues to the outcome. Given Jardin's connexions at the highest level, Mr Keswick's move can only be ominous for those who remain. It is no coincidence that Bermuda is identical to Hongkong in so many respects - offshore island, British tradition, English language, warm climate, pro-capitalist. The difference is that it lies

March money rush after Budget boost

Corporate treasurers find it hard to resist the opportunity to raise cheap finance afforded by booming share prices, nor are the issuing houses slow to hasten newcomers to the market in these conditions. During March, equities have regularly been hitting new peaks, basking in the euphoria induced by the Budget and falls in domestic interest rates.

Conditions for capital raising could scarcely have been more favourable and the new issue statistics complied by the merchant bankers Samuel Montagu fully bear this out. A total of £778m of new money was raised during the month through equity and bond issues, well up on the February figure of £550m and the highest monthly figure since June 1981.

Rights, issues picked up smartly.

although Exco International and Bowater between them accounted for a sizable slice of the £194m raised. Activity in the new issues market has also been at a high level. Ten new companies came to the market and there were also newcomers to the Unlisted Securities Market.

Any sign of increased activity on the capital markets will, however be welcomed by a government keen to encourage switching from the banking system to assist monetary control. And the Budget certainly sought to encourage this with several measures which will have the effect of making bank finance less attractive compared with the capital markets

Shipowners join unions in fight for tax exemptions

The first shots were fired yesterday in a major parliamen-tary and media lobbying campaign to exempt shipping and scamen from Budget plans to end capital allowances and tax

concessions.

Mr Richard Tookey, president of the General Council of British Shipping, said the Budget move gave the impression the Government did not give a damn about

He said in a speech to the Liverpool Steam Ship Owners' Association that shipping would be badly hit. He added: "It has

Before the Budget, the council had been pressing the Government to introduce mea-

sures to even out cyclical effects, extend capital allowances to second-hand ships and include larger shipbuilding ports in new enterprise zones. None of the requests were

granted and Mr Tookey said:
Suddenly, at a stroke, our
advantages have been withdrawn. Indeed, while landdrawn. Indeed, while land-based industry continues to get a number of advantages such as regional aid, help for setting up in enterprise zones, the Business Expansion Scheme and special industry aid of one kind or another, shipping is now to get

He continued: "We go from 100 per cent free depreciation to nil capital allowances within three years. Adminedly, corporation tax is reduced over the same period from 52 to 35 per cent, but that still does not after the fact that investment in shipping will be very badly hit.".



Richard Tookey: forecast of stormy weather

Under the old system, shippers could depreciate the whole 100 per cent in the first year or at will thereafter, while the rest of industry depreciated under a reduced rate of 25 per cent.

This enabled the industry to remain competitive with Bri-

The latest figures for the new

year. The corporation lost

£117m in 1982-83, £66m of

which was incurred by the Scott

Govenment has set separate

financing limits for the naval

and merchant shipbuilding

divisions, reflecting the re-peated intention to return the

For the first time the

Lithgow yard alone.

private sector.

excluding Norway, Many within the industry considerable that advantage almost wholly responsible for new capital investment

In a rare show of unanimity, Mr Tookey and the employers joined with the National Union of Seaman and the Merchant Navy and Airline Officers' Association in attacking the Chancellor's removal of tax relief for seafarers who spent more than 30 days abroad, often in short spells, and the officers and ratings who spend months continually abroad on their

"The Chancellor exempts the businessman who is abroad for 366 days. Surely, the seafarer deserves some recognition," Mr Tookey said, explaining that at the moment the Budget would cost the average rating £10 per week in lost carnings and the officers £14 a week and more.

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always been recognized that shipping is a highly cyclical industry where a long series of lean years may suddenly be interspersed with a bumper

BICC in

metals

merger

State shipyard costs up despite selloff

By Andrew Cornelius The rationalization of Britain's troubled engineering industries continued yesterday with news of a merger of the copper and aluminium businesses of BICC, the cables and engineering group, and Johnson & Firth Brown, the Sheffield

engineers, Two new companies will be established to combine the businesses. Thomas Bolton & Johnson will employ 900 people on existing sites at Froghall in Staffordshire and Wakefield in West Yorkshire, and have an annual turnover of about £55m.

The merger will mean the loss of about 100 jobs at J&FB's site at Wakefield, but will protect the jobs of another 200 workers there. "Without the deal all 300 jobs were at risk", Mr George Hardie, finance director of J&FB said.

The new company will be jointly owned by BICC and J&FB and will be a significant force in the British market for copper wire for the automotive and electrical industries.

A second company in Prescot. Merseyside, Prescot Aluminium Company, will combine the aluminium (overhead wire) cable businesses and will be 80 per cent owned by BICC and 20 per cent by J&FB. Both new companies are

expected to make profits from their first day in business.

move, BTR, the industrial holdings conglomerate, and IMI, the metals group, decided to merge their vehicle radiator service and distribution busiparent company,

A new International Radiator Services, will take over the Serck Services International and the IMI Marston Radiator Services businesses, to form a new company with about 140 branches throughout the country, employing 1,800 people.

Francis predicts record profits

Francis Industries, under assault from Mr David Abell's Suter, has cleverly given share-holders a powerful message about future profitability with the full year results but kept the formal profits forecast for the defence document.

Mr D. "Sandy" Saunders, the chairman, said yesterday in his statement that he expected to see profits reach a new record in 1984. "The highest profits ever achieved were those for 1979 (£1,924,480)". The City now expects the profits forecast in the defence document to be more than £2m. Profits last year were more than £1.5m against £1.1m.

Britain's nationalized ship-resulting from this week's sale of Scott Lithgow to Trafalgar House, and £22m to cover the effects of the continuing world recession in merchant ship-building.

building industry will again draw heavily on Government funds in the coming financial year, despite the fact that its biggest loss-making yard, Scott Lithgow, has now been sold to the private sector. financial year imply that British

The Department of Trade and industry yesterday an-nounced a new external financing limit of £217m for British Shipbuilders in the coming financial year. This represents loss will be smaller than the £120m estimated for the current public money the corporation expects to need to cover trading losses, redundancy costs and capital investment over the next 12 months.

The figure is £42m higher than the provisional estimate in last month's Government public spending plans. It comes oney three days after the Government announced that British shipbuilders' external financing limit for the current financial year (which ends tomorrow) had been increased from £158m to a record £268m.

The three warship companies in line for sale, Vickers, Yarrow and Vosper, were nationalized in 1977. They made a combined Of that extra £110m, £88m profit of £55m in 1982-3. was accounted for by write-offs

Reuters will raise £325m

Early price indications of the stock market flotation of Reuters suggest that 32.5 per cent of the share capital will go on offer to the public, raising £325m for the owners of this newsagency In a separate rationalization and business information group.

> the banks advising Reuters are still unsure of whether the issue will be a straightforward offer for sale or will be completed by tender, price is 250p per share

seeking the highest price from investors.

It is now clear that some important British financialinstitutions will be absent from the underwriting. A boycott has been imposed because large insurance companies and pension funds dislike multi-vote share structures. Reuters has opted for such a structure to ensure its independence.

An early estimate of an offer

BT down £77m in first half By Our Financial Correspondent

British Telecom, which is beading for sale to the private sector later this year, yesterday produced delayed profit figures for the six months to last September, showing a £77m drop in profits from £539m to £467m

Shipbuilders will make another substantial loss in the year to come, although Mr Graham Sir George Jefferson, the corporation's chairman, said, Day, the chairman, expects the however, that he expected the figures for the second half of the present financial year to be higher. This implies that the full-year results, due in July and the last figures before the planned flotation date of October, will be close to the £1.031m historic cost profit which BT made in 1982-83. Yesterday's interim figures were produced after further

changes in BT's accounting policies. The corporation has profitable warship yards to the switched back from current cost to historic cost accounting, and has also written off £933m against its reserves to take account of its decision to depreciate its transmission and exchange equipment more quickly than before. It was discussion of these hanges which delayed the

figures by two months. They have been approved by the auditors, Coopers & Lybrand, and are designed to settle the corporation's accounting methods in good time for the

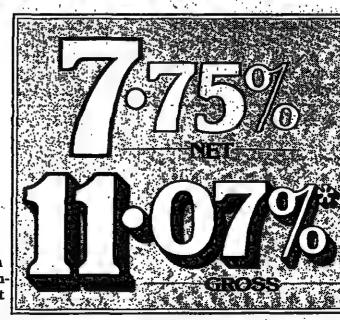
floiation.

The figures confirm that, after BP and Shell, BT will be the most profitable company on New York (latest): \$388.50 (£269-269.50) New York (latest): \$388.7.25 Sir George said further price

increases were possible; but not Sovereigns (new); before November, 591:50:92:50 (£63.50-64.25).

Tempns, page 22. before November.

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News Interantional, owners of The Times and The Sunday Times, has appointed Mr P W Siehrenberger as finance direc-

will remain on the board in an advisory capacity. The change takes place with effect from April 1. News Corporation owns 100 per cent of News International's voting shares and 87.9 per cent of the non-voting shares voting shares. Pifco Holdings is paying an unchanged interim dividend of 1.76p for the six months to

tor and company secretary. He replaces Mr P R Ekberg who will remain on the board in an

October 31 last on pretax profits down from £541,000 to £501,000. Investment income is up from £265,000 to £269,000, but the board described the results as disappointing. Sales demand has been erratic and profits have suffered.

● Continental Illinois is realizing \$1.76m with the sale of Tempus, page 22

Leyland Paints has been given a £1.7m cash injection by its \$820m credit card business to Chemical Bank of New York. consortium of institutions The deal will leave Chemical which have taken a 37 per cent shareholding. The move follows further losses last year of £1.4m with about 2 million cardholders in 50 states in the US. Continental, which has been against a loss of £3m. hard hit by energy lending problems has been considering Tempus, page 22 Hitachi said yesterday it had the sale of Town and Country.

acquired full ownership of GEC-Hitachi Television, a joint the credit card business, for television-making venture in Britain, by buying the 50 per cent share of its partner, General Electric Co of Britain. Terms were not disclosed.

Broken Hill profits soar to £212m

Broken Hill Proprietary, Australia's largest public company, in the first nine months to February 29, 1984. Results reported yesterday show pretax profits for the last three months salmost quadrupled to \$A317.3m (£212m), against \$A57.3m. Profits for the first nine months climbed to

SA851.8m. against \$A308.9m.

The company, which has been under assault from Mr. Robert Holmes a' Court, the Australian financier, says the 1983 period was affected by "abnormal retrenchment pay-ments and plant write-offs", which have helped profis this

in brief

SILKOLENE LUBRICANTS: in 1983, turnover of Silkolene Lubricants expanded by 31 per cent to £20.27m, Sales volumes increased by 38 per cent. But, the board reports, prices suffered because of intense competition seeing from the continuing surplus occause of intense composition arising from the continuing surplus of oil products. As a result, pretax profits only edged forward, from flm to £f.01m. The total net dividend is being lifted from 7p to 8p a share. However, the board is confident that 1984's pretax profits will top 1983's.

• UNIBOND (HOLDINGS): Profits for 1983, before tax, goodwill

Profits for 1983, before tax, goodwill

Better demand and rational-ization has helped to turn round the loss-making steel division of Rroken Hill Proprietary, Aus-

• K.O. BOARDMAN INTER-NATIONAL: Company is to sell its subsidiary, Gillinson Holdings, to Tallybrook, which is controlled by Messrs F. R. Thoburn and R. Stacey (both directors of Boardman) and Mr K. Hooper, managing director of Gillinson's printing division. Price reflects a substantial discount on net assets and Boardman's liquidity will benefit by about £2.25m. benefit by about £2.25m.

● AC CARS: Year to September 30. 1983. Turnover £2.27m (£1.44m). Trading loss £224.000 (£342.000). No tax (same). No dividend (same). Company has agreed to dispose of its manufacturing rights and interests in the ACME 3000 sports car to Kirkby Hogarth. Price: 250.000 Kirkby ordinary shares (4.65 per cent of the equity) valued at £50,000. Kirkby will also buy certain stocks for an estimated cash sum of £70.000.

● BURGESS (HOLDINGS): Half-year to January 28, 1984. Turnover £12.01 m (£11.01 m). Pretax profit £214.000 (loss of £66.000 lass time). Interim payment, 0.5p net a share (same). BURGESS (HOLDINGS):

When RIBBONS HOLDINGS: Half-year to December 31, 1983. Turnover £7.42m (£7.09m). Group operating surplus (before interest and tax) £244,000 (£248,000). Tax nil (same) Current half-year has nil (same). Current half-year has started with trade continuing to

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US bid talk lifts **Commercial Union**

STOCK MARKET REPORT

By Derek Pain

comfortable."

think we will have to wait until

Monday until we can feel

continued to move ahead.

Burmah Oil was up 3p to 190p.

at 224p - a two-day gain of 36p.

Other insurances joined in

Generally shares ended the

was 17p higher at 473p.

Government stocks were

little changed. There was a

profit-taking, falling 4p to 228p.

of rumours and fears about the contents of scheduled drilling

reports, suffered a drubbing,

Atlantic Resources, last year at

795p, fell 90p to 420p after

Elsewhere hopes that the Debenhams trading link with

Harris, after touching 400p.

decision to make life tougher -or at least marginally less

profitable - for the casino

companies depressed Pleasura-

Associated Leisure amusement

machine groups. The shares fell

ma_which now embraces the

touching 400p.

ended at 396p.

Irish oil stocks, on a variety

Shares of Commercial Union. the insurance group weighed down by its troubled United States offshoot, raced ahead again yesterday as rumours multiplied that a trans-Atlantic bid was about to be mounted or that at the very least its US insurance business would be

Speculation was intensified by the apparent interest of Mr Ivan Boesky, the American arbitrager who took a vital 5 per cent (£50m) stake in Eagle Star Holdings when it was the subject of competing bids from Allianz Versicherungs, the West German insurer, and BAT Industries, the tobacco group which eventually won control of

Mr Boesky said yesterday helped along by the accountthat he was watching the CU ants' change of heart over tax payments. Lloyds, for example, situation closely, "But I am not at the centre of the activity."
Speaking for CU Mr George

Spratt, the company secretary, said: "We are not party to

More trouble at Tisbury Brewery, the Wiltshire company floated in the City on the tide of traditional ale five years ago. The company, which has never made a profit, is calling an "informal" meeting of shareholders next week to discuss the latest twists and turns in its tortuous career. It seems that problems have arisen with Canonbury Wines, a drinks distributor which owns 22 per cent of Tisbury and was thought to represent the company's saviour. Tisbury's shares are traded occasionally under the 163 facility. The last price was

anything." He said that there was no evidence of any significant change in the top 50 CU shareholders over the past six or seven months. "It would cost about £50m for someone to build a 5 per cent stake and about £150m to build a 14.9 per cent stake", he said. "But I

5p to 388p - a new low for the

A newcomer, North Sea Oil Other oil stocks closed on a and General Trust, made a sobering debut after all the mixed note although LASMO recent high flying activities of Robertson Research and Con-The shares were up 32p at nells. The shares, offered, at one time yesterday. They closed 125p. opened at 110p. Ten million were sold and the flotation was just oversubthe fun, with Poenix, reporting scribed. But Robertson, alresults on Monday, rising 12pto though hit by the inevitable

Kennedy Brookes, the fast first leg of the account on a growing restaurant chain develsubdued note although, in light trading, prices were off the floor at the close. The FT 30 share oped by Mr Michael Golder and Mr Roy Ackerman, is planning to franchise its two most famous index was down 6.2 points at names - Mario and Franco and mid-day but the closing index was off 4.8 points at 877.0. Wheelers. The idea is that Kennedy's will continue to Banks were again firm. operate the London outlets but offer franchise deals in towns with a 100.000-plus population. Kennedy's shares were un-changed at 238p yesterday.

tendency to recover early falls profit-taking after Thursday's of up to £1/4 Golds were a few spectacular launch, continued bouyant, More than 123 times cents down as the US dollar progressed against most curoversubscribed at the 160p offer rencies, including sterling. Elsewhere, Bowater, the 'star' of the price, the shares were 247p yesterday, down 15p on the day. week, had to contend with Connells, offered at 120p,

slipped 3p to 143p. Elsewhere, Trusthouse Forte, which is not planning a bid for the hotel arm of the troubled Spanish Rumasa group, was a few coppers lower at 225p.

Other hotel shares, however, were firm, with De Vere Hotels and Restaurants - where the chairman and controlling share-Harris Queensway could lead to holder, Mr Leopold Mulier, has a more telling corporate re-lationship lifted the department store group's shares 5p to 180p. made it clear he would be receptive to a realistic offer - up another 2p at 110p. De Vere nearly arrived at the alter last year but the deal, with Mr Confirmation of the Budget Gerald Holland, was not fina-

> Dalgety, the sprawling inter-national food group, is winning more and more City support. Mr David Shaw at De Zoete and Bevan, the stockbrokers, may revise his profits projection upwards from £64m to £66m (£48m), and suggests the shares, up 20p at 470p, remain a buy, particularly for income funds.

Ibstock Johnsen, brickmakers, failed to respond to talk of £11m profits and slipped 3p to 211p. Courtaulds, with suggestions of £115m profits in the air, were another casualty, easing 2p to 148p.

French Connection, a recent USM addition, fell 15p to 300p ahead of figures due next week. Hongkong shares continued to suffer from the Jardine Matheson decision to move house to Bermuda. There was an array of minus signs throughout the Hongkong list. And Cable and Wireless, which has close links with the colony,

was clipped 12p to 353p. Among Australian issues, 28p to 930p after the results.

New lows for the year were reached by Biomechanics and

A.Caird. Besides CU, others attaining new highs included Reckitt and Colman and Croda International. The number of Stock Ex-

change bargains on Thursday was 24,032, valued at was 24,032, valued at £313,704m. Gilt bargains were 3.389. The number of British and Irish shares traded was 167.4 million.

MONEY MARKETS

Bank of England help yesterday was again in excess of £1 billion. For the week as a whole, the authorities have channelled more than £4 billion into the market through various routes.

Yesterday's assistance, at £1,112m, the highest of the week, came on a shortage that increased from £900m, to £1 billion, enabled the market to pick up some relatively cheap money at the end of a difficult

Most houses took final balances within bounds of 5 per cent and 7 per cent having paid up to 84 per cent in the early

stages.

The day's shortage had been swollen by the unwinding of the temporary facility with banks which came into effect on March2, and which involved gilt "I £668m. "repos" totalling about

This was included in the figure of £1,548m, given for maturing assistance and take-up of Treasury Bills. Other adverse factors cited by

the Bank at the outset were bill repurchases of £167m, a £200m rise in note circulation, and banks balances about £100m below target overnight.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Sterling closed a depressing at its lowest trade weighted value for a year on 80.1. down 0.3 on the day and the week. It lost 1/2 a cent on the dollar at 1.4425 after dipping to 1.4380 near lunchtime, and weakened further against Continentals.

Dealers said there were no signs of the Bank of England's intervention.

The pound lost 4 pfennigs on the week, against the mark, and about 13 centimes against French francs - testing a low of 11% Francs during the after-noon. It slipped 1% plennigs against the mark at 3.7375, fell 5½ centimes against French francs at 11.5050, lost ½ of a centime on Swiss francs at 3.1050 and % of a yen at 324.

TEMPUS

Tidying Telecom for the big sale

the horizon. British Telecom agement with some plausible needed desperately to bring plans for the future chestnuts some kind of order to its can still be pulled out of the chaotic balance sheet. But fire. Thus yesterday we saw having delayed its interim much troubled Leyland Paints results so that the vital repairs get a much needed equity could be carried out, the end subscription to raise £1.7m product still leaves much to be desired.

The biggest problems relating to plant and equipment have been solved at a single gigantic stroke of £933m, a stake they believe worthwhile which has been conveniently. written off directly to reserves. This figure includes additional depreciation of £584m, needed to reflect shortened lives of a substantial proportion of BT's 255015

The approach contravenes standard accounting practice, which requires the adjustment to go through the profit and loss account. The auditors agreed, however, to the departure from the standard since

accounting records of its assets, price. which pose real problems over their true worth, the hope must now be that it has got its sums right. Total fixed assets of nearly £8.5 billion: were 'rethe interim date of September 30 1983, which happens to equate to the rumoured market

> One balance sheet problem which has still to be sorted out is the question of the £1:25 billion long-term liability relating to a deficiency on the pension fund. The Government has perced to remove this clumsy scar from the balance sheet but it is unclear whether BT will still have to meet the resulting liability. The diffi-culty needs to be resolved swiftly. BT also has an uncomfortable deferred tax liability of £2.65 billion, for which no provision has yet been made.

BT's profit and ross acceptable with the sup
Pifco has clearly been runlindeed to slide BT's profit and loss account plementary depreciation charge has been abandoned. It is heading for £1 billion net profit for the year, which on a market he p/e ratio at eight.

One worrying aspect of the operating charges - in effect, everything other than staff costs and depreciation. Turnover has increased by only 7 per cent, and if this disparity was to continue, bearing in mind the suggested pricing t could pose longer term problems, particularly in times of low inflation.

Although BT is generating Pifco has had no trouble in cash, it needs to embark on a paying an unchanged dividend heavy investment programme. of 1.76p. The shares rose 10p. which will be a drain on to 185p on the results. booming the path for growth could still be cleared.

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tors from the door. The deal means that invest ing institutions will end up with 37 per cent of the equity

This life-saver came about because Mr Gerry Thomas of Hambros Banks is on the Leyland board and he was able to persuade the bank to lead the seven institutions which are investing. They are subscribing at 18p per share, a price which caused a little difficulty because rumours of a new bidder last week pushed the price up to 27p at one stage. But there was no bidder. merely ill-informed speculation compliance would have been in a lip sheet. And anyway, misleading Compliance would with the results announced have also wiped out BT's yesterday showing a loss of retained profit for the period. After all, the problems that time, Leyland would have been BT has had with keeping the pushed to get a bid at a realistic

The £1.55m net which will be raised is very definitely to reorganize Leyland's balance sheet. National Westoninster has seen the books and the corded in the balance sheet at plans and given its blessing. The results yesterday show reserves of £5.2m after £6m was written off - with such capitalization on privatization. figures it does not take long to

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Pifco. manufacturer of branded electrical household goods and hairdriers, yesterday lifted the veil a little on the jungle warfare behind the scenes of the consumer boom.

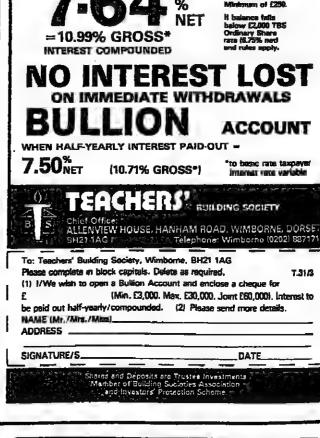
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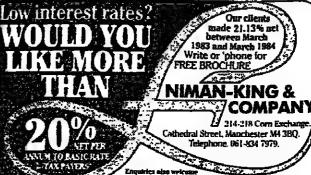
ning very hard indeed to slide behind just a fraction, during excessively fierce competition for the year, which on a market Nor does it look as if the capitalization of £8 billion puts second half, which ensecond half, which con-compasses the Christmas trading period, will produce any profit and loss account is the fireworks in profit terms.

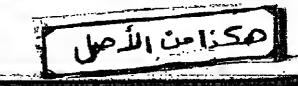
20 per cent increase in other Expectations that turnover has remained mercurial should prove well founded. But Pifco is a cautious wellbreached company, controlled by the Webber family. A rise in investment income during the first six months of £4,000 to policy for BT of RPI minus x. £269.000, or £60,000 above the interim trading profits, emphasizes just how secure the financial base has remained.

resources and a obstacle to The solidity of the family generous dividend payments, shareholding phis the strong It is difficult to see how it will financial base derive perhaps become self-financing. Yet from a reaction to the cut-there is still a lot of pro-throat competition Pifco enductivity to be gained out of counters in the market place. BT. and with its prized The company's decision to buy international network still in equity, in order to boost have been a logical extension of the group's embattled approach.

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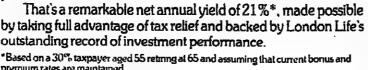
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Dow slips 5 points in early trading

Wall Street stock prices were lower in early tradings as the market continued to give back the large gains recorded on Wednesday.

The Dow Jones industrial average, which fell 3.87 points on Thursday after a 20.31 point jump the day before, was down more than five points to under 1160. Overall, losers led gainers five to three. Volume was about seven million shares.

One analyst said now that the treasury refunding is over the market is in "a death watch" over Federal Reserve policy, and fears of a discount rate rise

should intensify.

Meanwhile, in the energy business, Marathon Oil of the US and Husky Oil Ltd of Canada, have announced agreement for the purchase of Husky's US subsidiary Husky Oil Company, for \$505m.

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this week to talk to dozens of small investors who are taking on two of the biggest United States broking houses. Mr Swan is involved in two

quite separate cases - both of Money readers. In the first, 87 He makes his money probably British investors are suing entirely on commission which the £4.5m they lost two years ago in a complicated commodities investment plan called the Ginny Mae - T Bond spread A feature of the Goldie case promoted by Bache as a low risk was the amount of commission investment scheme. the second case the

Michael Goldie, is taking action against Merrill Lynch, the futures dealings with Merrill's London office.

Both these actions are quite explanation. separate. But they have wide implications for other British

Mr Swan says: "The type of

US broker that sells small investors commodity futures may not be the sophisticated financial expert they may fondly imagine him to be. He is which will be familiar to Family a salesman first and foremost. Bache Halsey Stuart Shields for he may split with the firm. And

often in frenetic generated dealings. The commission Coronation Street actor, Mr schedules show that in the course of one day's trading commissions of more than world's largest stockbroker. As \$20,000 was paid out of the reported in The Times last account. Total commissions autumn, Mr Goldie lost in 11 over the year came to more months £70.000 in commodity than \$80,000 - half of which was later returned to Mr Goldie's account with

What those who have lost money with big American firms investors who may have lost find hard to understand is how

Futures victims fight back in US national concern with a reputation at stake.

Mr Goldie claims he phoned up Merrill in the first place because he wanted a large reputable stockbroker to managc £70,000.

Mr Swan says: "One of the problems is there seems to be nothing in London comparable with the Commodity Exchange Act. And it was not clear whether British investors had any recourse to US law. As a result, things have been done to investors in Britain that would not have been done back

Since last November, however, things have changed a bit. A court ruling in a case against. EF Hutton, another large US broker, established that overseas citizens could sue in the US courts. Up to that point Bache was trying to establish that the case was outside the US courts' iurisdiction.

as the dealings in question are

Mr Edward J. Swan, a New sizable sums with US broking this can happen to them at the carried out through the US But prevention is better than houses in London houses in London. hands of a well known intermarkets. British investors can cure and until Mr Swan has for punitive damages on top of

their losses) could start any time It is not a class action. The 87

investors are suing separately although the cases will be tried different route. He is going money to a US broker, or through the New York Stock indeed anybody else asset Exchange's arbitration pro-cedure, a simpler and cheaper ment, "Under the US Govern alternative.

What is abundantly clear is that the Bache investors and Mr Goldie are by no means the only Britons who have lost only Britons who have lost formality. It is never a formoney with American brokers mality. It is a US Government the past six months, since we wrote about Mr Goldie, indicate that several other individuals in commodities futures." are thinking of taking action. The way now looks clear.

challenge the brokers in Ameri- achieved the victory investors can courts. Consequently, the hope for in the US courts there. Bache case (investors are suing is little chance that the authorities in this country will feel moved to regulate more effectively the commodity markets.

Mr Swan thinks investors should be quite clear about what they are doing and signing together. Mr Goldie is taking a before they hand over any indeed anybody else, offering a ment, "Under the US Government rules you will be asked to sign something called a Risk Disclosure Statement and don't let anyone tell you this is a mere in London. One Essex farmer requirement that investors are recently settled a claim against a told fully about the degree of big US broking house out of risk they are taking before they court. Inquiries by solicitors in commit themselves. Frankly, if more people read it properly there would be fewer investors

Margaret Drummond

Inland Revenue

Tax payments guide to maintenance

For a divorced or separated woman, or an unmarried mother, the tax position regarding maintenance is a potential minefield. There are four possible ways in which the maintenance she receives may be taxed. It is assumed throughout this article that the man is the paver and the woman the payee, but the same rules apply if the roles are reversed. Voluntary Payments Where there is no court order

or signed agreement, the woman is not liable for tax on her maintenance payments, and the man cannot claim tax relief on the money he pays. Small" Payments

If there is a court order, and the payments are not above £33 week. (£143 a month) for the woman, or £18 a week (£78 a month) for each child, the man pays the full amount, but can claim tax relief on the payments. The mother is liable for tax on the full amount she teceives.
"Large" Payments Payments higher than the

above limits, or payments at any level under a signed agreement made out of Court, are treated differently. The man deducts the tax at the basic rate before payment, and gives the woman a Certificate (R.185) to prove that he has done this. The woman then has no more basic from the woman, and arranging the corresponding relief for the

However, if the woman has no other income, she probably isn't a taxpayer. She would be able to set her personal allowances against the maintenance and so should not have been liable for tax anyway on most, or all, of the maintenance she receives. In this case, she has to claim back from the Inland Revenue the tax deducted by the man by completing a Form

R.249 at regular intervals, and enclosing the R.185's.

These distinctions cause

considerable confusion. First, a woman who has been receiving voluntary maintenance, and who decides to put the arrangement on to a more formal footing by means of a court order or enforceable agreement, must be careful to get the amount increased to compensate for the shift in the tax burden from her ex-husband to herself, or else she should ensure the order reads "A shall pay to B such an amount as after 12x shall leave her..."

Secondly, where a working woman has a court order, and is meant to be receiving a "small" maintenance payment, her tax coding will be altered to collect from her earnings the tax due on her maintenance. But if the man only makes payments sporadically, or not at all, she suffers doubly because the Inland Revenue will still be she is not receiving.

Tax offices are often unco operatve in redressing this: when the woman asks for her coding to be altered, her tax office may insist on writing to her, ex-husband's tax office which in turn contacts him to confirm whether the payments are in arrears.

He, of course, may be a long rate tax to pay on the net time in replying especially if he amount. The final effect is is claiming relief on payments therefore the same as with he is not making. Worse still, "small" payments but the some tax offices take the view Inland Revenue is saved the that it is appropriate to work of collecting the tax due continue taxing her, even when the maintenance is not arriving since (in theory) she can go back to court at a future date and enforce payment of the arrears, which would then escape tax if her coding had been altered upwards.

Thirdly, where a non-working woman is receiving a "large" can often be delays of some months in reclaiming from the Inland Revenue the basic-rate tax which the man deducted. An even worse problem

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occurs when because of personal bitterness, or simply inefficiency, the man does not supply the R.185 forms regularly with the maintenance payment. Although he has a statutory duty to do so, most exwives are understandably reticent to go through the rigmarole of court proceedings to enforce Nevertheless, the tax cannot be reclaimed without the R.185.

further point causing confusion is that where a court orders a certain amount to be paid for the mother, and a certain amount for each child each of these amounts is treated

as a separate maintenance payment for tax purposes. So it is possible (and quite common) to have the ludicrous situation whereby part of the maintenance the woman receives is classed as large (and has tax deducted at source) and the rest is small (and therefore still has tax to be paid on it).

Furthermore, if the man in this example gives an additional voluntary amount (for instance. to compensate for inflation since the order was made) then the total maintenance she

receives is separated into three distinct components by the tax office, each of which is treated in a different way.

The National Council for One Parent Families has been attempting for some years to simplify this system, but so far no proposals for change have been forthcoming from the Treasury. When the Green Paper on the Taxation of Husband & Wife was published in December 1980 the issue was disappointingly given no men-

Payments to Children

However, there is one respect in which the rules do provide an opportunity to reduce the separated couple's joint tax bill, and this is the fourth category of maintenance referred to carlier. Where maintenance is ordered by a court to be paid in the children of the relationship, rather than to the mother for the children, it is treated as the children's income, and their own Single Person's Allowances treated as the income of the (£1,785 each in 1983/4) become payer rather than the child. available to set against the maintenance.

the children's behalf, and it is not necessary for the money to be paid into a special bank account or trust fund in the children's names. In this way, the mother pays no tax, but the

father can still claim tax relief. Within this category, there is still a distinction between payments above £33 a week (which should have tax deducted before payment) and those below, which are paid gross. But most maintenance paid in this way is below £33 by nature, because otherwise it would be likely to exceed the Single Person's Allowance of £1.785 a year, when the children themselves would start to incur

it should be noted that this advantage can only be gained through a court order. A signed direct to children does not bave the right effect because it is caught under the Section 437 provisions, which say that a "settlement" on a child is

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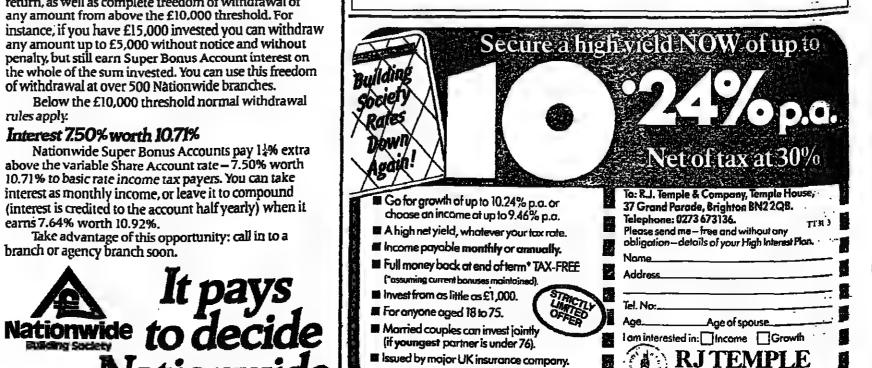
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Guidelines in doubt

New research casts doubt on the use by ndustrial tribunals of 1980 guidelines from the Government Actuary on calculating compensation for loss of pension in unfair dismissal cases. For example, the Industrial Relations Legal example, the industrial relations Legginformation Bulletin says: "The guidelines may lead to lower compensation than an actuarial assessment based on an employee's

hnal salary."
Assessing pension loss continues to baffle both lawyers and non-lawyers involved in unfair dismissal cases. The invoved in umar dismissal cases. The IRLIB not only analyses the pros and cons of the different methods, but also suggests solutions to some of the problems identified by its research. Information on the bulketin can be obtained from Joe O'Hara or Anthony Korn on 01-328 4751.

Lambeth cuts rate

AT WATER DATE

Lambeth Building Society has announced that from Monday interest on its High Yield Shares is being reduced by 1.05 percentage points to 8.05 per cent, equivalent to 11.50 per cent gross. With interest added each half-year, the net rate increases to 8.21 per cent, equivalent to 11.7 per cent. rate increases to 6.21 per cent, equivalent to 11.7 per cent gross. The withdrawal rotice is 28 days, with a minimum investment of £500 and a maximum of £30,000. Further details from Mr David Hayward, the general manager, on 01-928 1331,

Dollar gloom

Much of the funding of the United States budget deflott last year was foreign investment in the US. Mr Albert Loveless, of the stockbrokerr, Simon & Coates, argues in this month's edition of the Krugerrand Bulletin that during the present year this investment may not be so readily available, and a fall in the dollar, a rise in infliction and an increase in the price of gold are the likely results. Mr Loveless says: "This net inflow greatly eased economic pressures and allowed the US authorities to maintain an accommodative monetary and fiscal policy which boosted the economic recovery, with a blind eye turned to the fact that the financing of the US budget deficit has become increasingly subject to the withins of foreigners".

Property returns

Total returns (capital appreciation plus income) which can be anticipated from property are now more competitive with other investment media, believe

Merchant Investors, the insurers. It says: "Against this increasingly favourable background, demand and supply in some property occupational markets, particularly in the south east, are moving towards equilibrium. This will boost the confidence of the institutional investors to allocate an increased proportion of their cash flow to property in anticipation of higher rates of rental growth".

Insurance figures

Insurance company actuaries have been busy since the Chancellor's bombshell dropped over tex relief and they have come up with some interesting figures. The removal of Life Assurance Premium Relief will have less effect on the longer term savings policies, according to UK

term savings policies, according to UK Provident.
For example, the fail in yield from a 10-year with-profits endowment as a result of the removal of reflet will be 2.8 per cant a year, 1.8 per cent on 15-year schemes, 1.3 per cent on 20-year plans falling to only 1 per cent on 25-year policies.

Guaranteed income if you believe that interest rates will continue to fall in the longer term, locking continue to fall in the longer sarm, locking yourself into a fixed return now may not be a bad idea. British National Life is offering a five and a six year gueranteed income bond paying 8.5 per cent net of basic rate tax. If you do not want to commit yorself for such a long period there is a three-year bond paying 8.25 per cent.

per cent.
The building societies as now paying 6.25 per cent on ordinary share accounts or 7.25 per cent on "extra interest" accounts so the BNL offer is competitive. Details from British National Life Assuance Company Ltd, British National House, Harlands Road, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH16 | TD, Tel: 0444



Wheels of fortune

Somebody does actually win the prize draws that are used to promote everything from American Express cards to Which? Magazine.

Mr Roger Kwok and bis wife Amelia were presented yesterday with a Mercades 190 by Mr Stirling Moss, the former racing driver, after winning the American Express "Member gets member" draw. Coincidentally, it was also the Kwok's silver wedding anniversary.

anniversary.

To be eligible for the draw, American Express cardholders had to ask a friend or colleague to apply for a card. The prize draw incentive seems to work, as Arnex signed up 2,500 new members as

Trustee Savings Bank has come into line with other high street banks and reduced mortgage rates. TSB is now charging £140.60 a month to a borrower aged 30 on a £20,000 loan over 25 years, compared with £138.22 by National Westminster or £145.80 from a typical with fire products.

building society. However, TSB also offers life insurance with its loans, the premium on which is included in monthly repyaments. If you compare TSB with the others, including the life assurace, the sums look

current.
TSB's monthly repayments are the same at £140.50 but NatWest charges £141.57 and a typical building society works out at £149.15.

Savings bonus

Whitechurch Securities is offering a new service to give a higher return on building society investments. The company has sgreed with Abbey National that the 1 per cent commission Whitechurch receives on all investments placed with Abbey will be seeded on the offering of be passed on to the clients of Whitechurch (less £2 to cover their costs). Whitechurch thus offers a better

return than the smaller societies, with the added security of Abbey National.

The strings are that the minimum investment is £1,000 and, although the money can be invested in any Abbey account, it must be there for at least six most the and the commission will be neid.

after the six months have elapsed. It is a one-off payment, not payable every year. For details of the scheme ring Whitechurch Securities on 01-977 5854.

Society backing

A flutter on today's Grand National, with the help of a building society, must rank as one of the more bizarre offers that are increasingly being made in the competitive spirit now prevailing.

Members of the Nottingham Building Society Homelink electonic banking service can call up the odds for the race on their domestic television and transmit their beits to the central computer, where the stake money will automatically be

the stake money will automatically be debited from their account. Winnings (if any) will be credited in the same way.

'No loss' contract

Crusader insurance has launched its "can't lose" contract covering both the possibility of death and the possibility of survival, called "The Executive Income Protection Plan", it is designed to protect a family's income needs for 10 years in he event of the death of the

braedwiner.

If the policyholder survives the 10 years, the plan provides a guaranteed miumum cash, equal to the total premuims paid.

Further information can be obtained from: Douglas McDonald (Crusader) 070372 42424.

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Acceptable return in a period of lower inflation

As interest rates come down, so no need to purchase them in obtaining income from invest-ments becomes a top priority. The average annual yield, on

free over their five-year term. The return is lower than that want to minimize the "tax bite" on other recent issues but the at the point at which "age certificates can still be used to allowance" begins to be phased provide an acceptable level of out.

inflation. Maximum investment certificates should be held for the full five years, but for those who want to take out an annual income, the tables show two lower overall return. convenient plans by which this can be done.

Plan A gives an ascending slightly higher overall return than Plan B, where the annual income is more or less equa-lized. In both cases, the original capital is left intact at the end of five years.

Similar schemes can be operated on a pro-rata basis for smaller holdings. The system allows for partial encashment of multiple certificates, so there is

The curtain goes up next a simple interest basis, is Thursday on the 27th issue of around 7.1 per cent. This is free National Savings Certificates, of all rates of tax, and the plans which yield 7.25 per cent tax can therefore be especially useful for elderly investors who

There can be many variants ncome in a period of lower on these schemes, according to whether the holder wants a again £5,000 per person, in £25 level, ascending or descending units. To get the best return the income. Plans can also be devised that will exhaust the capital at the end of five years, but these give a significantly

A point to note is that holders have to arrange the encash-ments themselves. National scale of income and provides a Savings will not do it automati-

cally.

With that proviso, the plans are flexible and easy to operate. And if after a year or two you no longer need to draw out an income, you simply stop en-cashing units and let the cashing units and let the residual holding run on, with the interest accruing.

Harry Powell

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Needless to say, these extra costs will not be coming out of for an annual premium of only the salaries of the senior fill from Equitable Life, or the fill from Economic Insurance, two of the market leaders.

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Guaranteed differentials is the pay a premium over the name of the game for building societies ordinary share rate – society investors, as interest now down to 6.25 per cent. But rates come tumbling down and those dependent on building maintain that differential. As society interest find their rates come down a premium of, and pressure rates come and premium of, and their rates come down a premium of, and their rates come down a premium of.

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Building societies' extra interest accounts are a popular choice for investors - but it is Far from reducing differen-important to check on the tials, one society, Cheltenham & guarantees when making your Gloucester, has improved the

rates come down a premium of, say, 1.0 per cent or 1.5 per cent becomes relatively more valuable,

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The only condition is that you must keep £1,000 or more in the account. If the balance falls below £1,000, you earn the ordinary interest rate of 6.25 per cent. There are no penalties on One of the more attractive two-year term shares. On three-

include the Learnington Spa (1.15 on its Top Ten share), the Stafford Railway Building Society (1.75 per cent) and Chesham (1 per cent) on their

aspects of the premiums is that year investments the Nation-some of the societies offering wide, Cumberland, Darlington the biggest guaranteed differn- and Hemel Hempstead building tials pay a higher return on their societies are all offering a ordinary share accounts too guaranteed differential of 1.5 Societies with guaranteed differentials on their accounts.

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Nationwide is paying 7.5 per cent on £1,000 invested in its Super Bonus account, the same as Cheltenham & Gloucester's Insurance

Sun Life's tax relief blunder

It is difficult to imagine how some life assurance companies will survive the removal of tax relief, if current performance is anything to go by. Sun Life claims in its promotional literature: "Wealth Builder Plan builds your wealth fast, You enjoy a share in the profits of Sun Life Assurance and tax relief help from the Inland Revenue – who currently add £1.76 to very £10 you save",

This once-in-a-lifetime offer was sent to a reader of The Times, postmarked March 28 two weeks after the Chancellor removed tax relief on life assurance premiums.

"PS. Remember to take advantage of this special offer -apply by March 31, 1984. If you have any queries, please tele-phone the Sun Life Serviceline 0272 428481", says the Sun Life

A telephone call elicited an apologetic response from the polite salesgirl, who explained that the literature was now out of date. "We have had serveral calls about this", she volun-

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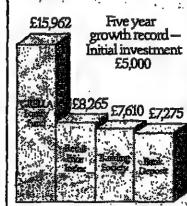
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Life insurance

Seeing through the salesman's patter

With tax relief on life-assurance premiums a thing of the past, the salesmen will be scratching around for a new selling point. TOM TICKELL who will be writing a regular column for The Times, takes a lighthearted look at how to deter the more persistent of

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Thousands of people buy life insurance every year but in-surance salesmen have all but disappeared nowadays navel as financial consultants. financial planning advisers and until the Budget, even as tax-saving specialists. Since the Chancellor swept away tax relief on new policies, that last title should have gine. But the others, implying everything and meaning nothing, are almost everywhere.

Admittedly insurance brokers ell life insurance and theirs is the one title with any legal force. They are committed to offering contracts not just from one company but from a whole range. But people aware of the distriction at least know some-thing of the subject, and are the group best able to look after their own interests.

The salesmen, whatever their verbal flag of convenienceg always stress that they have been on training courses. That is true, but does not neccessarily mean much. Two journalists from Which, the Consumers' Association magazine, enrolled on a course to find that they and the other trainees were selling life insurance four days later, they want to help with your



financial problems, Alternative-

ly, they are doing a survey about inflation, which leads

gradually, but inevitably, to the

conclusion that you need to protect yourself against it viz

Most consultants, advisers or whatever will give a choice of

life insurance.

having come in from the cold with no financial knowledge. Courses can differ but the stress is usually just as much on learning how to sell, as it is on life insurance.

Admittedly, if you are lazy about getting organized, poor life insurance is better than none at all. You will be lucky if you get a clear pictures of all the options because salesmen earn far more from selling one kind

of contract, than another. But they have a great gift for picking people who are adequately insured, whose only desire is to be rid of them. The best way to do that is to know your enemy's technique. The salesmen's first move is to ring out of the blue, announcing that

two or three separate times on different days when you can meet. The idea is to shift the question from whether you actually want to see him to when you can find a suitable They are persistent - hardly surprising when almost all of them have to live entirely on

commission. One way to cool their ardour is to ensure that you sound such an appalling proposition that no company would possibly take you on its "I'm going hang gliding for two hours on that first date," you announce cheerfully. "I've

put on a lot of weight recently and I make a point of playing squash every six months or so. Normally I get no excercise at all. Date three is out because I'm off to see the doctor about a sharp rise in my blood press-That combination should put

you top of the mortality pops and the consultant should be off the line before you have a chance to tell him how heavily you smoke.

Otherwise you face a battle of wills. One man rang me two years ago announcing himself as a member of the financial caring profession, concerned to

flexible multi-option savings facility - a unit-linked insurance policy in PR-speak and after ten minutes brisk

argument, he got the message. Please give me the names of five or six of your friends, so that I can help them as I have helped you," he remarked before leaving. Getting an appointment is the salesmen's first great burdle.

But even if he wins that battle, you have not lost the war. Many a consultant will tell you - a tear in his typ and a lie on his lips - about the couple he went to see three months earlier. The husband agreed to take out life insurance but never got round to signing the form. He died suddenly and his wife rang to announce that, whatever her miseries, the children would not suffer because he was in-sured... "Alas. I had the terrible job of telling her he

No widow ever complained that her husband had too much life insurance goes the follow up. That is true. But remember that convertible term policies which give the most protection at minimum cost provide very little commission to the man who sells them. So they rarely

The consultant will usually stick to endowment ploicies. They certainly insure your life but also aim to provide you

with a large lump sum if you his salesmen would always survive the 10 or 15 years term recommend the right policy, of the policy.

He will outline various ways of using that money when it arrives - for a new house for hour's course in ethics as part of the policy.

even if they lost money by doing so. "Certainly", he replied. "We have half an arrives - for a new house for hour's course in ethics as part of the policy." see people did well for them-selves. I was not struck by his paying school fees, or looking our training programme...

some point your eyes will give a telltale glitter and the salesman will know he has hit the hot button - as it is known to the A mass of graphs will then

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appear showing just how well you would have done if you had started investing your £20 or £30 each month 10 years ago, and were due to take out the cash today. But even the most incompetent investment manager could hardly fail to have made a profit over the past 10 years. Stockbrokers remember 1974 and particularly early 1975 with horror. Prices plumme downwards and city odds against the collapse of one high street bank were only five to

Life is very different now Share prices are at their highest level ever and the air of euphoria is almost worrying. People who started policies a decade ago stepped on to an escalator that moved steadily upwards. There is no guarantee that the movement will be the

same way now. Meanwhile, tax relief gave ; 15 per cent subsidy and that currency boosted the figures. Its disappearance may actually edge Britain towards the Ameri-can pattern where his insurance is about insuring your life rather

than avoiding tax. Salesmen there have been known to carry little silver coffins in their lapels to remind prospecti customers of what it is all about, when all else fails, one last-ditch technique has been known to work wonders. They gaze at the obligatory picture of the children on the mantlepiece. shake their hands and murmur "Sorry, kids". It usually brings out a chequebook in a micro-

Even so, no American life insurance salesmen has to travel under a pseudonym to conceal what he does. They are licensed by each state, having to pass exams which ensure they have expertise before starting. Professor Gower's report suggested that the same system should appear in Britain, and the sooner the better.

For the moment, some insurers rely in simple faith. The chairman of one life company was asked recently if even if they lost money by doing so. "Certainly", he

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Letters

'Unearned' injustice for wives

From Mr D G Lindsay

Sir, I really must challenge you over your statement that there was now no difference between the treatment of "earned" an "unearned" income (Family Money, March 17). You have obviously forgotten the case of the poor married woman whose only income is from her investments. Due to aggregation, the whole of this income will almost certainly be taxed at 30 per cent, and might be taxed at 60 per cent, whereas if it were "earned", or if the poor woman had been single, it would be subject to a much lower rate, or might even be tax-free.

Now that, at last, we have a Chancellor who can recognize an anomaly, injustice or distor-tion when he sees one, or when it is pointed out to him, could you not use your undoubted "clout" in the tax world to get this injustice put right, eg, by allowing married women to elect for separate taxation in respect of their investment income as well as their "earned" income (if any). Yours faithfully

D G Lindsay 36 Orchard Coombe Reading

Medical sickness

Our article on pension-linked mortgages last week carried a table showing comparitive per-formances of various pension plans. The figures for Medical Sickness were not directly comparable with the figures shown for other offices because these pensions continue to participate in profits after vesting. The bonus declared December 31, 1983, was 7.25 per cent compound plus a special bonus to mark the

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The thin blue line through painted in the middle of the Central Park, which Geoff road that runs through the park, 3mith followed to defeat in the while Rod Dixon, of New New York marathon six Zealand took the shortest line months ago, should prove the through the many corners of the successful starting point tomor-row in his campaign to get into Britain's Olympic marathon from the end. But Smith's run Britain's Olympic marathon squad. Smith, a finals student at Providence College. Rhode from the front earned him the fastest-ever marathon time by a Briton. 2hr 9min 8sec. and Island, runs the Perrier 10km, projected him to the forefront held in Central Park, in preparation for the Boston in the race for Olympic marathon, which he says he is selection. A win in Boston on April 17 going to win, in two weeks'

would prove an unassailable Many people attribute argument for a team place, and Smith's defeat in his marathon Smith looks unbeatable here debut last October to the fact tomorrow. His American rivals that he followed the blue line should not prove difficult to overcome, Smith has won the race for the past three years, but the atrocious weather that has been battering New York for the past couple of days will make it

> even less trouble in winning the women's race. Miss Tooby has been persuaded to stay on after her marvellous debut in the world cross-country championships here last Sunday. She led for about 90 per cent of the race, before fading to eighth position; but that put the record straight. after the psychological block of the English national cross-country six weeks ago.



Gratton's fitness race

Any lingering doubts about Mike Cratton's fitness to make a successful defence of his London marathon title on May 13 should be dispelled in the first of a new series of races promoted by the Amateur Athletic Association tomorrow, Gration spent the second half of

last year trying to recover from the sciatica which led to his retirement from the world championship marathon in Helsinki last August. but now believes that he is ready to improve his personal best halfmarathon time

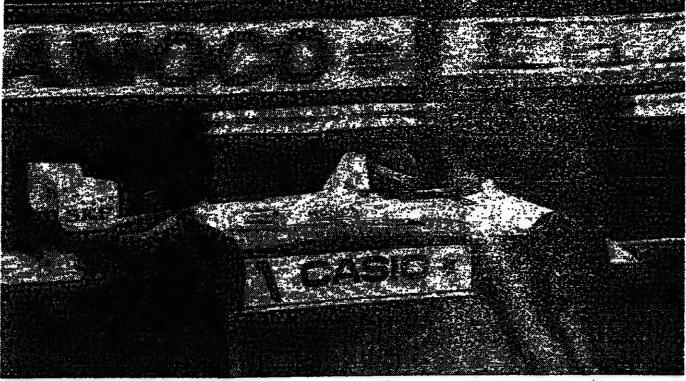
Since spending three weeks in hospital last December. Gratton has not figured prominently in any significant race but hopes to put that right in the Thamesmead half-marathon which, together with the Gateshead tomorrow, launches the AAA series over the distance, sponsored by Pearl Assurance Gration's fastest time is

1hr 3min 50sec and he said vesterday: "I will be using this as an indication of how I might expect to

the presence of Emiel Puttemans, the Belgian former world record holder at 5,000 metres, and lan Thompson, the former Com-monwealth and European marathon champion, should ensure a fast pace and help provide a pointer as to whether Gration will be favourite on the starting line in Greenwich six weeks from now.

an newspapers have reported Beigian newspapers have reported that Putternans is to attempt to become the first man to beat the hour while. in Gateshead, Gerry Helme, who was second to Gration in London last year, will be warming up for the Rotterdam marathon on April 14, when he will be looking for a time last enough to guarantee him a place in the Olympics.





A richly talented driver with a chequered career: Mike Thackwell practising in the latest Ralt-Honda

Powerful challenge to Thackwell

The first major European race of the 1984 season takes hard for him to get near his record of 28min 40sec

Angela Tooby should have

Angela Tooby should have Formula Two championship over 47 laps of Silverstone's 2.9 mile grand prix circuit.
With the 1982 and 1983

champions now ensconced in Formula One, there is a lot at stake for the 23 entrants, for some of whom the series will mean the last hurdle before the promised land of grand prix racing, The 1983 champion, Dr Jonathan Palmer, made bis Formula One debut when he finished a ceditable ninth in last Sunday's Brazilian Grand Prix.

Although Formula Two cars are less powerful than the grand prix machines, with turbocharging prohibited and engines limited to six cylinders and a maximum capacity of two litres,

Unheaten this term, Rupert Owen-Browne and Simon Davies, of Tonbridge, are the strongest pair, and Owen-Browne the outstanding

player in the public schools doubles

championship which begins at Queen's Club tomorrow. With good results this term, David Dick and

Stephan Seagrave of Harrow are second seeds with Peter Baily and

Matthew Smail, of Eton, third,

although Eton won at Harrow last

RACKETS

Public schools clash

By William Stephens

fourth.

had been done. Adam Jeavons and Charles Mason of Malvern are

Doubles, being traditionally more

important at school, this compe-tition is the most challenging of the year. More rackets is being played now at these schools than ever

before. Schools are regularly fielding four pairs in matches instead of one

of two and, vital for the future of the game, more under-15 matches are being played.

they are almost as fast as their grand prix brothers and, in the BMW and Honda. It was a Honda-engined Ralt car which tage, employ the latest technology. The new March 942 car, carried Palmer to success and leading that team's 1984 challenge is the talented Australian, Mike Thackwell, who was for example, incorporates a carbon-fibre chassis top-section and its engine is slightly tilted to allow for special ground-

Thackwell has had a chequered career. In 1980 he effect bodywork which increases became the youngest driver to qualify for a world championcornering speeds. In recenttesting the March driver, Thierry Tassin, lapped Silverstone at 139 mph, and the quality for a world champion-ship grand prix, in a one-off drive for Ken Tyrrell. He won the 1981 Daily Express Inter-national Trophy, but a near-fatal testing accident at Thrux-ton checked his progress and it experienced Belgian and his teammates, Emanuele Pirro. of Italy and the former French Three champion, Pierre Petit, will clearly mount a was not until last season that he bounced back into contention. formidable challenge this seaonding the championship at one

Their March cars use BMW engines and the European On of the Australian's main rivals should be his teammate, the Brazilian, Roberto Moreno, champiouship will be further enlivened by the rivalry between

the main engine manufacturers, a protégé of the world cham-BMW and Honda. It was a pion, Nelson Piquet.

The 10-nation driver line-up also includes a French Formula

Three champion, Michel Ferte and the quick Italian, Ales-sandro Nannini, driving for the Minardi team, which launched the current Ferrari star, Michele Alboreto. Among the other drivers to watch are the experienced German, Christian Danner and the stylish Argentinian, Enrique Mansilla, whom many tip to replace the retired Carlos Reutemann in grand prix

As well as providing an opportunity to see the grand prix stars of tomorrow in the Formula Two race, the Silverstone meeting includes the third round of the Mariboro British Formula Three championship.

Hoping to make amends

CRICKET

Colombo (Reuter) - New Zea-land, having crushed Sri Lanka 2-0 n the test series, are expected to naintain their domination in the eries of one-day internationals.

The touring side convincingly won their first overseas series since 1970, beating Sri Lanka in the first test match by 165 runs and the third by an innings and 61 runs. The second Test match was drawn.

The visitors are already one up in the series of three one-day internationals, having won the first y 104 runs early in the tour, and they are favourites to maintain the

lead in the remaining two matches to be played today and tomorrow.

Dulcep Mendis, the captain of Sri Lanka said his side would try to make amends for their failure in the test matches by doing better in the

one-day games.

New Zealand lost 42 wickets while accumulating 1.257 runs from 480.3 overs in the Test series, but Sri Lanka lost 59 wickets while scoring 1.173 runs from 464,1 overs Seamers accounted for 69 of the 102 wickets which fell to bowlers during the Test series. Hadlee finishing

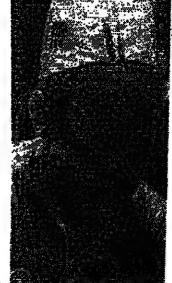
The flying Irishman could spread his wings over Flanders

Sean Kelly, of Ireland, is hoping to make use of his excellent form to win the sixtyeighth Tour of Flander's race, which takes place tomorrow over a difficult 166-mile route in the east of Belgium, After winning the Paris to Nice race and the Criterium International stage races in the past three weeks, Kelly has a clear lead in the 1984 Super Prestige Pernod competition, for which the Tour of Flanders is the fourth qualifying event.

Kelly finished second in this competition last year, when he was just beaten by Greg Lemond, the young American world champion. Yesterday Lemond underwent a four-hour training ride, taking in 11 of the 12 steep hills that will have to be climbed in the race.

"This has to be the toughest route of any classic," Lemond said, as he reached the top of the cobbled one-in-five slopes of the Mur de Grammont. After the Koppenberg, the second hill, there will probably be only 10 riders left in with a ance out of the 100 starters. And I aim to be one of those

Privately, the American tips his Australian friend, Phil Anderson to win tomorrow because he has the stronger team for these Belgian classics." Anderson is the joint-leader of the Panasonic-Raleigh squad, with two Belgians, Eddy Planckaert and Eric Vanderaerden. It was Planckaert who won the Het Volk Classic, a similar but much shorter race, a month ago. A big factor in the race is likely to be the absence of Jan tomorrow.



Kelly: excellent form

raas, the 1983 winner of the Tour of Flanders. The Dur-chman must main in bed for a crash in the Milan-San Remo race in Italy two weeks ago, when he aggravated an old back

Kelly decided to maintain his fitness this week by taking part in a three-day race at La Panne, He finished eleventh, which did not upset him, and made only one real effort during the race, when he closed, single-handedly, a one-minute gap on a breakaway group during the second stage. Observers said the irishman was flying. Perhaps he will spread his wings again

HOCKEY

Problems for Blackheath

Blackheath will probably have to do without Bajinder Daved for their club championship quarter-final against Pickwick tomorrow. In view of his commitment with Kenya in the Olympic qualifier at Barcelona. it seems unlikely that he will return in time to play for his club.

Peter Debreo will be at conue half in Daved's place, but Blackheath have another problem. Nim Kalsi, who scored five goals in the match against Chesterfield, is injured, and his absence will weaken the attack. Like Blackheath, Fickwick have a fair proportion of Asian talent, which includes Dalbir Sidhu who has been picked for the Midlands in the senior divisional tournament at the senior divisional tournament at Scaford College, on April 7 and 8. Peter Head has returned from his

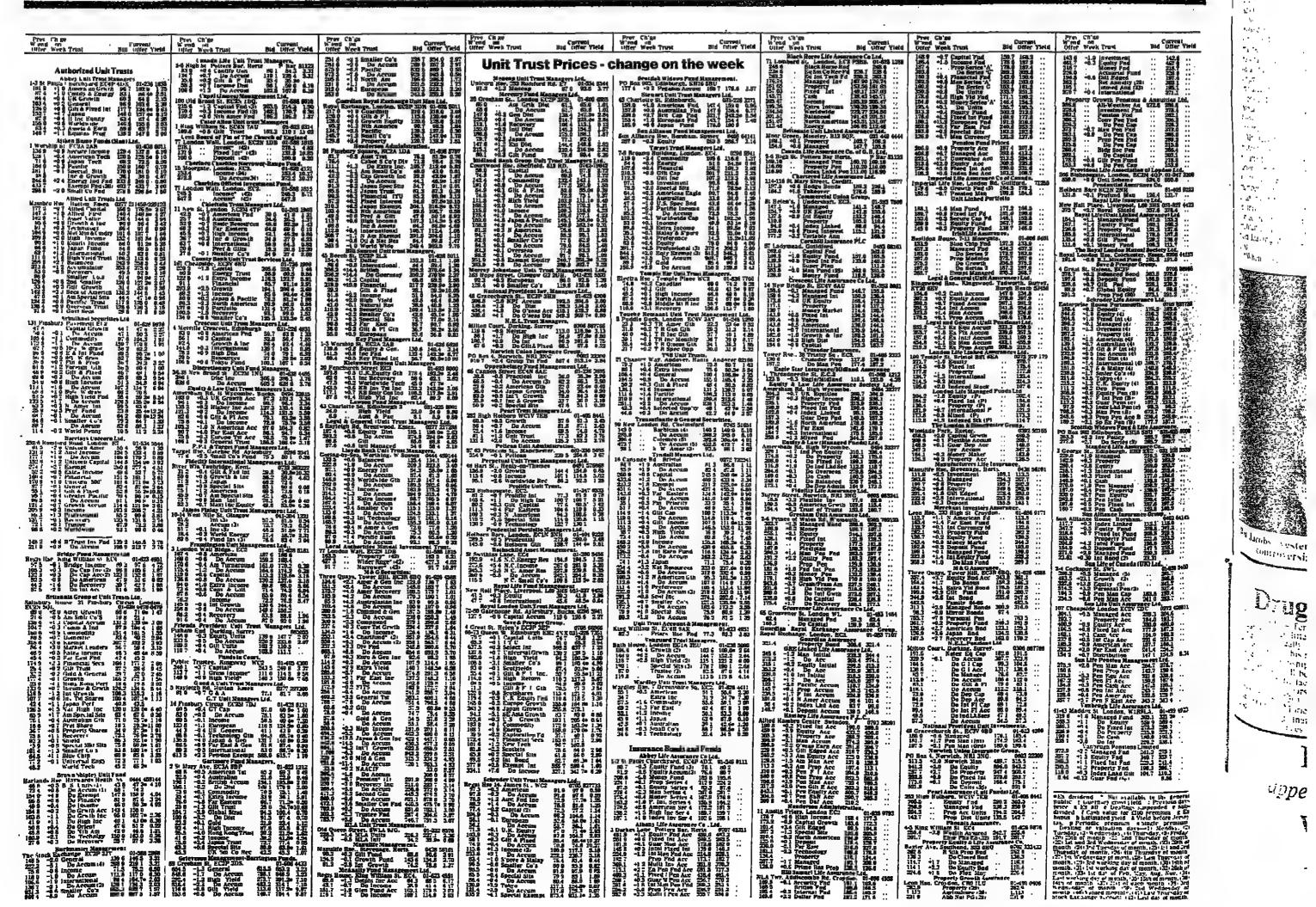
skiing boliday to bring East Grinstead up to full strength for their home match against South-gate. Head will play at inside right alongside James Leman on the wing Richard Leman will be at centre half and Mike Leman, the captain, at sweeper full back. In the absence of Alistair McGinn, who is on holiday. Craig takes over the captainty of Southgate who, though now at the top of their form, will have a hard match against East Grinstead.

Blueharts will miss Brooker who is not available for their home match against Hounslow, and be will be replaced, in deep defence, by Whitehead. They have also called un two Hertfordshire players, Swatroan in goal, and Watts.

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RFU vote by a big majority for tour of South Africa

By David Hands, Rugby Correspor

didn't set tou to upset anyone. We are not deliberately being

The RFU have received

requests from four overseas

unions. Fiji (who touted Eng-

land and Scotland in 1982), Jamaica, Bermuda and the

Bahamas, not to tour and they

will be taking what they describe as "prudent measures"

against attempted disruption or

representative games at Twi-ckenham during the remainder

Players who may be asked to

tour have not yet been specifi-cally approached about their avuilability, though soundings have been taken. When the

itinerary has been confirmed.

within the next week, the selectors will discuss the party.

By then England squad mem-

bers may also have received a

letter from Bishop Huddleston

asking them if "in all conscience

they can contemplate playing in

the land of apartheid.

members of the touring party will think twice before granting

them leave," the Bishop con-

tinued. "I am confident that the trade unions will make their

departure as difficult as poss-

ible. I know that Common-

wealth governments and sport-

ing organizations will make it very clear that English sport will

pay a very high price if this tour

written to Mrs Thatcher asking her to meet the RFU and

"convey to them your personal

desire that they reconsider their

decision." He quotes as a precedent the intervention made by President Mitterand

when the French Rugby Feder-ation intended to fulfill a tour in

South Africa last year. That tour

did not go ahead, but Albert Ferrasse, the federation presi-dent, has since declared his

intention of sending a team to

South Africa in two years' time.

Commonwealth secretary-general, said it was not too late for

the FRU to change their minds

and cancel the tour. But, the

decision having been taken, the

Union are unlikely to be swayed, and Mr Jacobs said as

much. It will be no consolation.

to the FRU that their colleagues

on the Welsh Rugby Union are

they are to meet representatives of the Mid-Glamorgan, County

Council to discuss the threat of

council sanctions against teams

Ironically, Neil Macfarlane,

the Minister for Sport, who has had the task, on the Govern-ment's behalf, of discouraging

the RFU from touring, was at another rugby function yester-

day: the concluding day of the Rosslyn Park schools sevens

tournament, where only the playing surface muddled the

Mr Macfarlane said: "I'm obviously disappointed but not

altogether surprised by the RFU

committee's decision. This is a

free country and ultimately it's for the RFU to-decide

involving South Africans.

Sir Shridath Ramphal,

Bishop Huddleston has also

goes ahead.

of the season.

The Rugby Football Union. life you often upset people. We traditional friendships and in their stated policy of playing rugby football "against anyone, regardless of race, colour or creed and in any country with which our country has normal diplomatic relations, confirmed yesterday that they will accept an invitation to send an England team to South Africa in

The RFU committee, meeting at the London Hilton hotel, voted for the tour by 44 to six, with Ron Jacobs, the president, abstaining. Three committee members were unable to be present for the two-hour discussion, which produced a widely anticipated conclusion.

It also produced a widely anticipated reaction from antiuportheid groups. Bishop Tre-vor Huddleston, president of the Anti-Apartheid Movement. said he was "shocked and angered", and Sam Ramsamy, spokesman for the South African Non-Racial Olympic Committee (SANROC), said his organization would lobby all African, Caribbean and Asian members to force England out of the 1986 Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh.

The RFU have received some 50 or 60 letters from private individuals urging them to tour. and a dozen from organizations urging them not to. In a prepared statement yesterday Air Commodore Bob Weighill, sceretary to the RFU, said: "In preparation for the debate which was held today, all papers. letters and representations both for and against the tour which have been received at Twickenham were brought to the notice of the committee so that they could be fully briefed on all aspects and opinions.

"Following the debate today the committee of the RFU has decided to proceed with the lour of South Africa later this year as scheduled in the IRFB International Rugby Football Board) programme of tours for member unions and in line with the policy which the RFU has followed consistently in visiting South Africa in 1972 and insupport of Lions tours in 1974 and 1980 with the other home.

No itinerary has yet been worked out for the tour but it is expected to encompass seven matches, including two internationals, against teams picked on a multi-racial basis. In the longer term it will offer encouragement to New Zealand to proceed with a tour to South Africa next year and to the Lions, who are scheduled to visit the republic in 1986.

Mr Jacobs said the committee felt their decision should not affect other sporting organi-zations, particularly those of which the RFU was not a member, nor did they regard it as an insult to black sportsmen in this country: "We believe contact in this context is more profitable, more constructive, than leaving people out in the

When you take decision in



Another Ampleforth cup to carry the Willcox hallmark

Ampleforth wrote a glowing chapter into the history of the National Schools seven-a-side tournament on Rosslyn Park's swamp at Rochampton yesterday, when they best a gallant seven from Rossall in the final of the Festival competition by two goels and a try to a try.

It was Ampleforth's third tri-umph in a row. Presenting the Moss, Bros and Bedford Modern old boys' challenge cup. Neil Macfarlane, secretary of state for the environment, paid tribute to the part played in their successes by John Willcox, formerly of Harlequins and England and master-in-charge of rugby over the include the last decade.

Ampleforth's seven bore the stamp common to all of Wilcox's sides in that an overall competence and skill was apparent whether they were back pedalling - in this case paddling - or going forward and probing in attack. Carvill was their general, as well as their captain, and at all times played with great zest. Ampleforth led 10-0 at half time through ties by Anthony Brown and Schulte, the second of which Carvill converted. In the second period Schulte consed again and Calling a

walked a tightrope on the way. Gloucestershire, the favourites by

virtue of their successful tradition in

this competition, whatever the formula, won by three points

against Northumberland and one against Middlesex. The same margins separated Somerset from Lancashire and Middlesex and, in

the semi-final, they beat Yorkshire with a hotly disputed drop goal.

Neither county could be said, therefore, to have taken a decisive

grip upon the competition and Somerset's chances of winning it for

the first time in 61 years have been weakened by the enforced with

drawal, through injury, of three players: Hill is replaced at scrum

half by his Bath colleague. Stanley: Curiningham by another Bath hooker, Bess; and Williams, the

Thus 14 of the side are from the Bath club, the exception being the solid Bristol lock. Stiff, engagingly known to his friends as "Biffo".

There will be a compact look to the side, which served the club well

when they were outserummaged in the John Player Cup by Wasps, yet

won the day by the wit and vision of their backs, among whom Horton

was the key figure.
Gloucestershire. I suspect, will

exert even more pressure on a comparitively small pack and this, in turn, will be transmitted to Stanley. If their possession is disrupted at source, Somerset will

known to his friends as

wing, is replaced

It was fine and sunny in the morning when King's Taunton and Rossall, the first two among 15 group winners, started out in search of a place in the quarter-final round.

of a place in the quarter-final round,
At this stage only Rossall, an
outstanding seven, showed themselves to be obviously the better side
and got home easily by 18 points to
nil. Sherborne were given a
thorough test by Downside and
Tonbridge made Durham work
hard for their 10-4 victory, before
Mariborough's spirited tackling
brought out the best in Ampleforth.
The quarter-final round was
markedly different in that the four
best schools coasted through with
room to spare. Rossal were too good

room to spare. Rossal were too good for Trent. Sherborne showed themselves to a class above Haberdashers' Aske's, whom they beat 30-0, and Durham, with two replacements in their side, overcame Queen's Taunton. Carvill was outstanding in Ampleforth's 22-0 win.

in the season and then turned away.

their rugby in Cardiff and London.

There are substantial reasons for taking Gloucestershire to retain the championship on the ninth occasion

it has been played at Twickenham.

The certainty that their tight forwards — including Fidler, the Gloucester lock, who will be making

a record ninth appearance in a county final – are good enough to give their backs ample set-piece possession, that their loose forwards

should at least share secondary ball and that those backs have the talent

and that those backs have the talent to produce points, whether through the boot of Barnes or the strength and finishing of the eternal Morley.

Away from the final, Dodge, the England centre, makes his first senior appearance for Leicester since breaking his left leg in December when his club paly Headingley; Wasps travel to Gosforth without two more England players, Davies and Colclough.

Somerset weakened by

three withdrawals

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent . .

Gloucestershire and Somerset. - heroics their back row can conjure

who contest the final of the county championship, sponsored by Thorn Gadd, Hesford and the Gloucester-

EMI. at Twickenham today, have shire captain, Rafter, walked a tightrope on the way. In one respect both sides will

to regain

By Jain Mackenzie

Last season Hawick, who since the Second World War have dominated the Scottish season suffered an ignominious setback. have a point to make to England's selectors, who nodded in the direction of the West Country early They were beaten into the runners-inp position in the National League by Gala, and that is rather like saying that Liverpool were beaten leaving the England team against Wales with only three westerners, of whom two, Scott and Dun, play their rugby in Cardiff and London.

only the occasional title in the old days: of the so-called unofficial championship, and who did not start to build a side until around 1960, have made the official championship almost their own.

Even more difficult to accept, but

Today they are almost bound to take back from Gala the Scottish championship, something they regard these days almost as theirs by right. Boroughmuir provide the opposition at Mansfield. Should Hawick succeed (and with respect to the Edinburgh side that is almost a certainty) it will be their essential.

Then they have the knowledge that Jim Renwick, just chosen to go on tour with Scotland to Ruman May, where almost certainly he will become the most capped Scotsman

GLOUSESTERSHIPE: P Cue; A Morley, S Hoog, R Knibbe (all Briston, R Moog (Blaucester); S Barnes (Briston), R Harding (Briston), M Rather (Briston), R Hearting (Briston), B Morley of Briston), D Trick, J Palmer, A Rese, P Sammons, J Horton, C Stanley, C Lilley, G Bess, R Lise, J Had, R Hakar, P Stiff (Briston), R Boureal, P Simpson. Rives' pull-out prompts speculation

Jean-Pierre Rives, the French captain, has withdrawn from the tour of New Zealand in May and June for "personal reasons". Rives, who had allowed himself to be included in a provisional squad of 44 for the tour, yesterday told the French Rugby Federation president, Albert Ferrasse, that he preferred to take a break from international rugby. winding the grand samt. However, withing the grand samt. However, who had allowed himself to be included in a provisional squad of the for the tour, yesterday told the French Rugby Federation president, albert Ferrasse, that he preferred to the ake a break from international rugby for good. There is no significance to draw as satisted with rugby. But Jacques Feroux, the French coach, said: "If he does not come (to New Zealand) I believe he will never play for

international competition after the five nations championship this year in which France narrowly missed winning the grand slam. However,

France again." He added that it would be difficult for Rives to regain his position in the French team. He had explained the situation to Rives before the wing forward took his decision.

edly the most extraorinary captain France could have, undoubtedly the best." Rives captained the French

SNOW REPORTS

Drugs case weightlifter convicted

Montreal (AFPt - Terry Hadlow, the Canadian weightlifter, has been convicted of illegally importing anabolic steriods on his return from the world championships in Moscow last year. He will be sentenced on April 30, when he faces a prison term of up to three years and a fine of up to \$5,000 (£2,730).

Judge Gilbert Morier said at Thursday's hearing that chemical analysis of substances found in

Hadlow's luggage on October 31 proved that he had imported methandrostenelone, containing anabolic steriods, a body-building

IN BRIEF

Ron Jacobs yesterday: "We are not deliberately being controversial." (Photograph: Tony Weaver)

Hadlow was arrested when he landed at Montreal Airport with three other weightlifters. In their suitcases Customs officers found 414 phials of testosterone and 22,515 tablets of anobolic steriods, the prosectution said.

Hadlow's lawyer said he would appeal against the conviction. The other weightlifters, Jacques Demers and Michel Pietracupa face trial in May and June respectively; the fourth was acquitted in January. SNOOKER: Alex Higgins beat Ray Reardon 5-2 to qualify for the seminals of the Irish Masters tournament, we ages, kildare Higgins's ment, at goss, Kildare. Higgins's best break of 74 came in the first frame, which he won by 116-17:

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became the first player in the Saab junior series to lose a match on a penalty game

Moseley face junior club

Berry Hill, the Gloucestershire Cup holders and the most successful junior club in that county this season, today visit Moseley, whose match with Gloucester has been postponed until next Wednesday, because of the county championship

Moseley were hoping for a game against a senior club but they may find Berry Hill tough enough opponents and could be glad they are back to almost full strength.

Hawick out the title

into second place by Everton.
Hawick, who managed to gather only the occasional title in the old

still true, is that, uniquely in Scotland, they have done it with only one XV, and without calling on players who have no connexion with the town.

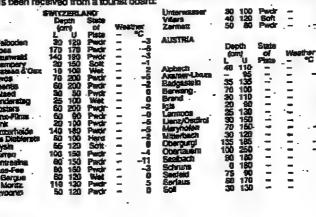
The Italian fans in the packed 8,000 capacity stadium crupted as the slightly-built Wright toyed with the Barcelona defence. He put certainty), it will be their seventh success in the 11 seasons of the Elimppes-sponsored competition. Hawick start this afternoon with two advantages. First, they know that even defeat for them will still leave Gata with an almost impossible task to overtake them.

Banco in front for the first time. 59-58, with 10 minutes to go and scored again in the next 10 seconds. Barcelona fought back, but seemed to have run out of steam. They managed to close the gap to 73-75 but failed to reassert their earlier

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in the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper slopes. The following report has been received from a tourist board:



sixteenth and seventeenth holes to complete his 68. Ballesteros drove well throughout the round, and with a little more fortune on the greens he might have finished closer to Couples. Nevertheless, he had the satisfaction of making a two at the island seventeenth (132 yards) where no less than 64 balls finished in

Couples goes two up and

sets course record

birdies should come at par

lives. His only mistake during

an immaculate round came at

the last, where a wayward drive cost him a shot.

and down from bunkers. Nevertheless he emphasized that his

game is steadily coming together again by hitting a superb third shot into the ninth

Ballesteros made a series of

It has become a familiar

feature of the 1984 United

States golf tour for a player to spring out of the pack and win a

title with a sparkling last round. Even so, Fred Couples set such

a furious pace early on the second day of the Tournament

Players' Championship at the Players' Club at Sawgrass that a number of players were in danger of losing touch.

In the end, Couples set a new

Couples, who won the Kem-

set then the tournament referee,

Nick McCallen, issued him with

a penalty point in the seventh game of the third set. On the

first point of the third set tie-

break, Hunting gave tongue to an "audible obscenity" after

failing to return a heavily spun service from Pashley and was deducted the deciding game. Pashley, the younger player

by close on a year, was at once

awarded the match, 3-6, 7-5, 7-

6. However, since Hunting was not actually defaulted, he will

have the chance to do some-

thing to repair his reputation

BASKETBALL

Banco Roma win

through when

all seemed lost

Geneva (Reuter) - Banco Roma achieved a third successive Italian victory in the European men's basketball Champion Clubs' Cup when they beat Barcelona 79-73 in the final bere on Thursday.

The Spanish club seemed to be coasting to a comfortable win when they led 42-32 at half-time, and in complete dominance till half-way

through the second session, when they were leading 52-43. But a dazzling burst of power-play masterminded by Carry Wright. Banco's American import, saw the

Italians level at 56-all with 10 minutes to the final whistle.

the water in the first round. Thorpe, who on the opening day did not drop a single shot, kept that record intact by playing the first 10 holes Couples has the record this yesterday in level par.

At the eleventh (529 vards), however, he finally broke. It is season for the longest drive on

(582 yards) which covered the stick the entire way, to set up a to get onto the green. Eventually he splashed out to four feet, but birdie and take him to the turn from there he missed, to mark a in 35. The Spaniard, striding purposefully along the fairways, had birdies at the twelfth, seven on his scorecard. If that seven disturbed him,

two - as Ballesteros illustrated

on his way to a first round of

70. which enabled him to share third place with Johany Miller and Nick Price, of South Africa but it is a risky business: the

Thorpe took the conservative route, seeking to lay-up with a four iron, but he struck the ball

too heavily and deposited it into the bunker. Twice he

moved it some 20 yards forward but twice that was not enough

he disguised it well, for he counter-attacked in grand style, by collecting five birdies over the last seven holes. SECOND ROUND: Early leaders; 135: F Couples (US), 71, 64, 137: J Thorpe (US), 68, 69, 138: S Ballesteros (Sp), 70, 68, L Wadkins (US), 72, 66, 139; J Miller (US), 70, 69, 140; J Haas (US), 71, 69, 142: P Costerius (GB), 73, 63; N Price (SA), 70, 72. L Trevino (US), 76, 68.

New World Cup

Frankfurt (Reuter) - A pure gold replica of the Jules Rimet Trophy, the World Cup stolen and melted down in Brazil last year, was handed to a Brazilian delegation at a soccial ceremony here yesterday.

Hunting pays penalty for a slip of the tongue

Anthony Hunting, son of today in that this is an event fon Hunting, who will referee run along round robin lines. football's FA Cup Final in May, GIRLS SNGLES (16 and under: A Smokin

TENNIS

GIRLS' SHIGLES (16 and onder): A Simplin (Lecestershire) bt J Reeves (Kerd 6-3, 6-2, 7 Catin (Cambridgethire) bt C Bheguandes (Nutrifeser) 6-4, 6-3; Foundridge (Dorset) bt S McCantry (Avon) 6-1, 6-1.

Carl.S' SINGLES (14 and under): N Entrac Doned) bi R Stokes (Notingnamekre) 6-2, 6 b; A Hill (Devon) bi M Mair (East of Scotland) 6 i, 8-4; J Donovan (Warwickeling) bit 8 In his opening match with Neil Pashley, of Surrey, in the 16-and-under finals at Bram-hall, Hunting was first warned for "racket abuse" in the second

BOYE SINGLES (14 and under): C Beecher (Kent) bt I Nicholes (Surflordsthre) 8-4, 5-3; N Smith (Lancashire) bt M Petintry (Essex) 2-8, 5-3, 6-1; J Humer (Surrey) bt M Authory (Middlesex) 5-4, 6-0; U Maganga (Norlost) bt J Lamon (Betichordsthre) 5-3, 8-2.

Three Swedes for **Olympic Games**

Stockholm. Sweden (AP) - The Swedish Tennis Federation have nominated three players, including Mats Wilander, the Australian Open champion, and Stefan Edberg, the holder of the jurior grand starn, for the men's singles under-20 exhibition tournament at the Olympic Games in Los Angeles this summer.

CRICKET

Shock for Australia Bridgetown (Reuter) - A un

bringcrown (Reduct) - A un-between Graeme Wood and Greg Ritchie softened an early blow Australia suffered after being put in by West Indies in the third Test match at Kensington Oval here

Steve Smith was caught behind off Malcolm Marshall for 10 with the total at 11 in the fourth over, but Wood and Ritchle took Australia to 8 for one at lunch The pitch contained none of the

lift and movement West Indies might have expected to exploit after winning the toss for the second consecutive time in the series.

AUSTRALIA: First inninga 8 B Smith & Dujon & Marshall G M Wood not out. 6 M Ritchia not out. Edras (n-b 5). Total (1 wold) ALL OF WICKET: 1-11.

K J Hughes (captain), A R Border, Hookes, W B Prittips, G F Lewson, T G I R M Hogg, T M Alderman, to bat. BOWLING: TO DATE Garner Marshall 8-0-19-1, Holding Baptists 5-2-15-0, Harper 3-0-

WEST RIDIES: C.G. Granniga, D.L. Hisynes, IV A Richards, A. B. Richardson, C. H. Lloyd J. Dolott, E. A. E. Baptiss, M. D.

headache. Hardcore has been laid on the soggy ground there in preparation for a busy weekend,

which begins with the novice sections today.

Princess Anne has been forced to withdraw Mission Lake, because her young horse has a knee injury, but her husband, Captain Mark Phillips,

will have a strong team. He rides his two Badminton entries, Classic Lines and Fieldsman, in the advanced class tomorrow, Captain

Phillips has recently accepted an

at the Lexington three-day event to be held in the United States during May.

invitation to ride a borrowed horse

EQUESTRIANISM

International field day By a Special Correspondent

This weekend is Brigstock horse box and car park as their main trials in Northamptonshire has altracted most of those now in training for the Badminton three-day event that begins on April 12. Competitors for tomorrow's advanced class will include a strong international entry, with riders from Sweden, New Zealand, the Nether-lands, United States and Australia.

Some of the advanced horses will do their dressage today - among them Beagle Bay, one of Lucinda Green's two Badminton entries. Mrs Green also rides her immensel promising young horse, Brass Monkey, in the intermediate. Fortunately, the organizers have

sited their cross-country fraces on the driest ground, leaving the horse

A new Eve for a new breed

Germantown, Tennessee (AP) -'A
90-pound filly trained Windrush Eve
was been here on Wednesday night—
the first of a new breed called the
Curl, was impregnated by a was born here on Wednesday night—
the first of a new breed called the
American Sport Horse.

Melanic Smith, a member of the
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Melanic Show impregnated by a

European-bred jumper through
artificial insemination and the US Olympic show-jumping team, said the horse is the first new breed

Colin Still plans a better place for women gymnasts

New coach aims to put Britain up among the world's elite

comparative isolation, Colin Still, who on Monday takes up coach for women, has proven success as a team coach. Since 1978 he has been a

British women's team coach and only last month his club team at Loughton won the national team championship. Furthermore, his immediate aim concerns the British team in that he is resolved to raise their world ranking above the 17th position to which they dropped at last year's world championship.
Based at Lilleshall National

Sports Centre, Still will be primarily in charge of the selection and preparation of all women's national squads. He will be responsible to John Atkinson, technical director of the British Amateur Gymanstics Association. Three years ago his predecessor, Annette Stapleton, was not only part-time but did not have such difinitive terms of reference. To help him with his task, Still will rely on a national network of five zone coaches and 13 regional coaches who will act in part as talent scouts. While he is confident that promising youngsters will be brought to his notice, he is concerned tha late developers



As every gymnast has to form

a close-working relationship with her club coach, Still will devote one third of his time to the development of coaches at all levels. He will provide the leadership and liaison that were lacking in the past; in return he expects coaches to show more professionalism and discipline, particularly where national training is involved. There is no room in his world for what he calls "soft" coaches. He says uncompromisingly: "When I make a decision, however clinical it may sound, I expect it

to be kept."

Blonde, balding and with an almost tacitum manner, Still is may slip throught the organizational net to this end he a Londoner. Aged 30, he trained will look at any kid with at Borough Road College to be a teacher of physical education

ation with gymnastics training began 12 years ago when he became a coach at Loughton Hall Sports Centre. His success with the Loughton gymnasts took him into regional activities when he worked to his advantage with Pauline Prestidge, doyenne of British coaches, who was then chief coach of the leading Ladywell club. Still became a national squad coach in 1976 and has had experience since in instructing budding internationals His new appointment comes

too late to influence the performance of the two girls represent Britain at the Los Angeles Olympic Games in July. Next year the world championships will be staged in Montreal, which is the next

opportunity for countries to ascertain their world status. The so-called first division of world gymnastics is confined to the leading 12 nations ans Still is determined that Britain should join them as soon as possible. As one of the elite Britain could then send a full team of six to future Olympics.

Whether this membership can be achieved next year remains to be seen but Still's drive, experience and avail-ability should have stimulated by then nothing less than encouraging progress

Peter Aykroyd

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Liverpool can make a mock-

ery of form as we saw on

Thursday, but good form is also

a part of Burnt Oak's make-up.

He won twice at Newbury in the

first half of the season, and

more recently his defeat by

on Political Pop last year.

were extremely encouraging.

David Nicholson, the trainer.

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already tasted success in the National. LIVERPOOL

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- BUCK HOUSE (Mrs. S. Pursell M. Morris (ire) 8-11-11

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 MOUNT BOLUS (A. Sandeman) D. Oughton 4-10-11

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Trail-blazing Burnt Oak an Aintree natural Burnt Oak has more than just Military Gold Cup at Sandown sporting chance of winning Park has been made to look all

a sporting chance of winning the Grand National, which is being sponsored by Seagrams the more excusable because Special Cargo has won twice in for the first time, at Aintree the meantime. With only two races under today. Yesterday the bulletins his belt this year, Burnt Oak coming from Burnt Oak's camp

should be as fresh as any runner

in the field. And with only 10st

7lb to carry, he has an ideal said: "He will love the ground and he's 'top-hole' as far his racing weight for this marathon. If forced to draw up a short condition is concerned. All he list of Burnt Oak's rivals. I does is jump and stay; an ideal would include Greasepaint, the National horse, in my opinion". favourite Broomy Bank and Peter Scudamore, Burnt Oak's Spartan Missile as well. Greasetalented rider, had this to say: paint finished second to Cor-'He's got a great chance, God biere 12 months ago, beaten willing, certainly as good a threequarters of a length. In the chance as any other on this meantime, he has been bought ground and I'm very much and trained specifically with

looking forward to the ride on today in mind. If Greasepaint is successful. In recent years, the cup of Dermot Weld, his trainer, will emotion has overflowed after the National, with Red Rum, become the first man this century to pull off the Spring Aldaniti, Grittar and Corbiere Double having won the Lincoln last Saturday with Saving all making unioue contributions to the race's history. It will do Mercy. Obviously, the handicapper took last year's result home in triumph because he is into account when compiling owned by Brigadier Roscoe the weights for this years' race Harvey, one of racing's best and most respected but I feel that Greasepaint will not be as badly affected by his rise to 11st 2lb as Corbiere will

would not have fancied the Brigadier's chance of seeing a Furthermore, Corbiere' preparation for this race has not dream come true, but now that gone entirey according to plan, it is more or less perfect by jumping standards, I do believe Broomy Bank entered many that Burnt Oak will give his followers a great run. He is a bold, free-running jumper who should be in his element people' calculations when he won the Kim Muir Challenge Trophy so decisively at Cheltenham: Now he represents a great chance for Jim Wilson, his amateur rider, to join the élite Aintree. And being near the front all the way, as Corbiere was 12 months who have won a National as

well as a Cheitenham Gold Cup.

not stop Grittar two years ago.

and it did not stop Ben Nevis

runner-up to Aldaniti in that

carrying as much as 12st,

was disappointing. His latest run at Cheltenham was certainly encouraging and I regard him as good each-way value in view of his overall record at

last chance of winning a National before he turns his Spartan Missile will also be ridden by an amateur. That did and Jay Trump before him. The

don Richards, is another who has won the race before. Hello-Dandy has been primed especially for the occasion. welve months ago he palpably failed to last it out and that flaw

Valene Alder will be the only woman jockey competing this Bush Guide represents the best chance of yet another inroad being made into the once all-

Special Cargo in the Grand Michael Seely's A to Z guide to the Grand National runners

ANOTHER CAPTAIN: Andy Scott, the Wizard of . Vooperton, will need to wave his magic wand over the Timeform - labelled 'funny old customer". Jockey Andrew Stringer takes first venture into the unknown

on this moody stayer.
ASHLEY HOUSE Spectacular jumping won Michael Dickinson's bold front-runner three valuable sponsored handicaps last season. "He's spot on and the one I'd choose myself if I was riding." Dickinson said. Second National amount for Graham Bradley, seventh

BEECH KING: Unseated rider at sixth fence in 1983 but went onto finish second to Bit of a Skite in Irish National. Trainer Paddy Woods has already won two BROOMY BANK: Fluent Cheltenham victory makes him the form horse. Similar credentials to 1961

winner. Nicolaus Silver, and last year's runner-up, Greasepaint. Sixth attempt for Jim Wilson and a live

BURNT OAK: Jumps and stays well. Peter Scudamore aiming to complete course for third time in five National rides.

BUSH GUIDE: Present from John Alder to daughter, Val. who is sixth of her sex to bid for glory. Gutsy front-runner who should go well. CANFORD GINGER: 28-year-old landlord, Colin Brown, was booked five months ago by former boss, Tony Sykes, for David Elsworth's mud-loving stayer.

amateur. Ronny Beggan, on Michael Dickinson's recent Wolverhampton winner. Has sound claims on form but jumping is suspect. CORBLERE: Trying to become first horse to win in successive years and first to defy 12 stone since Red Rum in 1974. Ben de Haan seeks to emulate Brian Fletcher, the last jockey to triumph in consecutive years (1973-74). Jenny Pitman says: "He's spot on." DOOR STEP: Mouse Morris's mudlark beat Yer Man at Thurks in November but has shown little since. CLONTHURTIN: Ridden by Tom Taaffe, son of Pat Taaffe, who won on Quare Times (1955) and Gay Trip

DOUBLEUAGAIN: Won good handicap at Fairy-house in December by five lengths from Fethard Friend. Disappointed at Cheltenham. Loves the mud.

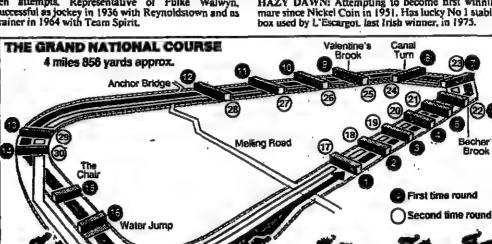
EARTHSTOPPER: Bought for 22,000 guineas at June

(1970). Has ability but suspect stamina.

Unseated rider last year.
CARL'S WAGER: First National mount for talented

Missile and Freddie. FAULOON: Farewell National ride for superb Aintres horseman, Bill Smith, who has seven completions in

ten attempts. Representative of Fulke Walwyn, successful as Jockey in 1936 with Reynoldstown and as trainer in 1964 with Team Spirit.



FORTUNE SEEKER: Only success from 12 outings this season when beating Mister Donovan by neck at Fairyhouse in November. Showed signs of return to

HILL OF SLANE: Ideal mount for Steve Smith Eccles, unsuccessful in four attempts to date. wouldn't swap mounts with anyone", he said. Has

IMPERIAL BLACK: Genuine Northern handicapper.

bility but takes time to warm to his work.

Sheila's Cottage, Teal and Merryman II. JACKO: Sound stayer in testing conditions. Should get JIVAGO DE NEUVY: Nicknamed "Gigi", this

former French chaser has won 17 races worth over £70,000 of owner-rider Roger Grand. Has been schooled over replica of Aintree fences at Banbury

ALSO RAN: 5-2 Bregawn (4th), 4 ran. 3, 25. A Moore in Ireland. TOTE \$8 10. DF. \$2.50. CSF: \$9.54. 420 SPORTING LIFE WEIGHENITER NOVES CHASE (24,674 2m)

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> ALSO RAN: 8 Born to Shine (8th), 9 River Rhen, 18, Glamour Show (pu), 22 Veiled City (4th), 28 Joe Denby (f), 33 Aversun, 50 Hot Pretsince, Singalong Sam (5th), Charming Paddy (ref), 12 ran. 5l, 10l, 8l, 7l, 3l, G Richards at Gravethol.

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Hill-Street-Blues b g by White Prince Conde HW (D Crane) 6-11-52 Neons (6-1)
Run Over ch g by Deep Run - Over Trux
(P Piter) 6-11-69 Runn | R Lamb (12-1) 3 (P Piter) 6-11-9 R Lamb (*12-1)
ALSO RAN: 100-30 tay | Haventaight, Herbert United (4th), 13-2 Pass The Piters (5th 11 Breac Ban, 20 Ambgunn Moon (6th), Fee Right, 25 Arzici Beau, 33 Steel Yeoman, 10 Emac (ref), Ledy Levyer, 13 ran, NF Sandorackar 5t, 3t, 2vt, 1vt, 12t, J King a Sumdon

get 31b. ing heightened the pre-National tension on another gloriously sunny afternoon. The highlight was the sustained battle between Straight Accord and Lettoch in the Holiday

and stays so well."

MID DAY GUN: Strongly-functed when burying Graham McCourt at the first fence last year. Respectable fourth to Burrough Hill Lad in Welsh National in December but has run lifelessly since.
MIDNIGHT LOVE: Former Cheltenham Gold Cup
hope is out to repeat Denys Smith's 1968 win with Red Alligator. Found something like his best form when winning Greenall Whitley Chase at Haydock. PILOT OFFICER: Sole representative of Mercy Rimell, widow of four-time National scorer, Fred. Close up and apparently going well when falling at Chair in 1983 but not in same form this season.

POYNTZ PASS: Irish-trained when winning .st.
Punchestown and Fairy-house in October. Has the
helow par for Pat O'Connor since finishing third to Little Eay at Ayr.
THE DRUNKEN DUCK: 1982 Cheltenham Forhuler winner has had back trouble. Third in a point-to-point last weekend but not as good as he was, ROMAN GENERAL: First National mount for Major

Malcolm Wallace. Won Towcester hunter chase by eight lengths last year but only one appearance under

rules this season.
SILENT VALLEY: Lively outsider for Geordie Done-

owner. Alf Duffield, Ran well when fourth to Midnight

and Dromlargan in the Perrier Jones

Champagne Cup was another thriller. Drumlargan looked sure to

win until nearly capsizing at the final jump. Frank Code staged a miraculous recovery, but Royal

Bond held on bravely to record his

"I won't run him tomorrow," said his trainer. Arthur Moore. "I'll keep him for the Irish National." The

enigmatic Bregawn was in of his most recalcitrant moods. The 1983

Cheltenham gold cop winner refused to race early in the straight and

Surprisingly, he then took held of

his hit and completed a solo kap of dishonour round the outside of the hurdle track. "I don't know what to

make of it," said a puzzled Michael

Dickinson. "We'll give him a come

of hunting in the winter to try and

no better luck with Cheers in the Liverpool Hurdle than he had had

with Lettoch and Bregavn. The heavily-backed favourite was under

pressure halfway up the straight and

refused to struggle behind the

runaway winner. Afzal. "I don't

know what happened in the

riumph," said the wieming trainer. Reg Hollin-head, "but he certainly took off and went today," Graham

McCourt replaced the injured John

O'Neill on the 9-1 winner.

-ceten him up."

first victory since the Leopa

previously fourth on Three To One in 1981. Placed in two Hennessy Gold Cups and has made two remarkable combacks from injury. SPARTAN MISSILE: Victory for the Thorne family's winner of 23 races would be a fairy story. Unlucky in running for the late John Thorne when second to when runner up to Venture to Cognac at Cheltenham. TACROY: Badly hampered at sixth last year and

Love at Haydock.
THREE TO ONE: Sixth attempt for Ken Oliver's 981 fourth. Once a resolute stayer but appears to be a light of former days. TWO SWALLOWS: Anthony Webber bids

year's distant third. Has finished runner up three times KUMBI: Sum chance for Red Rum's handler. Donald MY FINAL VERDICT: 1, Greasepaint; 2, Eliogarty; 3, McCain. Jumped indifferently prior to Broomy Bank: 4. Hallo Dandy. Laurensun at Ludiow earlier in the month. Noddy's Ryde earns Ayr

on Grand National eve at Aintree yesterday. "Everything has gone right," said Gordon Richards, his trainer, said after watching Koddy's Ryde romp to an easy victory in the Sporting Life Weekender Chase.

"He hasn't left an oat. I rode him myself in a nallop the other morning. Jonjo O'Neill said that he'd never seen the old borse go better. He's got as good a chance as my 1978 winner,

said. "Noddy's Ryde was only beaten 11/2 lengths and this time ic Some marvellously exciting rac-

Neville Crump, 73, attempts to improve on marvellous record of three previous victories with improve on his 1982 second on Hard Outlook. Returned to form when beating Ashley House and Hill of Slone at Nottingham last week. YER MAN: Val O'Connell's second attempt on last

rematch with Bobsline By Michael Seely Hello Dandy was the strongest tip

fourth last year and is now 81b better off with Corbiere and 91b with Noddy's Ryde is now on target for a repeat of his recent heroic Cheltenham duel with Bobsline at Ayr's Scottish Grand National meeting, "I wouldn't mind another crack at the Irishman," Richards

Inn International Chase. The pair raced locked togethe the final mile and the winning margin was a fast-diminishing short head. A triumphant Fulke Walwyn said: "We'll he hack for the 1985 National as Straight Accord jumps

The match between Royal Bond



0F4202 CORBLERE (CD) (BF) (B Burrough) Mrs J Pitman 9-12-0 (Light blue and orange chevrons, blue sleeves and cap) 0-22002 ASHILEY HOUSE (BF) (J McLoughlin) M W Dickinson 10-11-13 (Mauve and white hoops, quartered cap)...... ELIOGARTY (Miss C Beasley) J Hessett (Ire) 9-11-5 (Rittle green, säver striped sleeves, quartered cap)Mr J White MIDNIGHT LOVE (Carpenters Paints) Denys Smith 9-11-4 (White, light blue cross of Lorraine, yellow cap) _____C Grant 2P-0002 GREASEPAINT (BF) (M Smurfit) D Weld (Ire) 3-11-2.T Carmody 307 (Light blue and red halved, white sleeves, light blue cap) 4F0-203 EARTHSTOPPER (Mrs C Wright) G Kindersley 10-11-1 308 309 (Emerald green, white cross-beits, light blue sleeves, black cap) 310 LUCKY VANE (Miss & Swire) G Baiding 9-10-13...... (Lilac, rose quartered cap FAULOON (C) (R Kleckhefer) F Walwyn 9-10-13.... (White, red spots, royal blue and white hooped sherves, blue C 420143 FETHARD PRIEND (H H Kals Al-Sald) F Flood (tre) 9-10-12 (Red, white cap, green diamond)...

- 312 BROOMY BANK (Capt J Lumsden) J Edwards 9-10-12 313 (White, black cross-belts, red and white quartered cap) 40FF00 HAZY DAWN (R Daniels) T Casey (Ire) 9-10-8Mr W P Mulins 315 (White, mercon disc, mercon sleeves with white hoops, BURNT OAK (BF) (Brig C Harvey) D Nicholson 8-10-7 316 FBarry so again if Burnt Oak returns 318 (Black, white cross-belts and steeves, striped cap) BUSH GUIDE (BF) (Miss V Alder) J Alder 8-10-5Miss V Alder
- (White, brown sieeres and cap) YER MAN (B) (N Keane) A McNamara (Ire) 9-10-2 attacking the big Aintree fences, ago, he should avoid any (Black, black cap, emerald green spots) ANOTHER CAPTAIN (A Scott jun) A Scott 12-10-1A Stringer
- ROMAN GENERAL (B Munro-Wilson) B Munro-Wilson 11-10-0 (Grey, dark blue sleeves and cap)
 CANFORD GINGER (A Sykes) D Elsworth 9-10-0....
- 40 Earthstopper, Hill of Slaine, Silent Valley, 50 others.

 FORM CORBIERE, 2nd Warwick Mar 8 (11-4), won the race in 1983 by Will from GREASEPAINT (10-7), with YER Man (10-0) 201 wavey in 3rd, HALLO DANDY (10-1) 2 ½1 4th, GRITTAR (11-12). In the 201 energy Sin, MIDDAY GLIN (10-8) feel 1st, PLOT OFFICER (10-7) unseeted rider 15th, SPARTASN MISSILE (11-7) unseeted rider 22nd, TAGROY (11-8) pulled up 2 cm. CAMPORID GINGER (10-0) pulled up 15th, ASHLEY HOUSE (12-0) beates 1 ½1 by TWO SWALLOWS (10-10) at Nothingham, (3nd 4), £1,200, good to 8m, Mer 20), with HILL OF SLANE (10-11) ½1 avery 3rd, at Nothingham, (3nd 4), £1,200, good to 8m, Mer 20, with HILL OF SLANE (10-11) ½1 avery 3rd, ELICGAPTY Weddord winner Mar 1 (12-0) beat Earls Brig (12-0) 71 at Chellenham only outing in this country (3m 21, £8,359, good to 8 cm, Mer 17, 1983), MEDNICHT LOVE (10-3) beat King or Country (10-1), 2 ½1 at Haydock (3m, £1,348, good, Mar 3), with TACROY (10-0) 4 back in str, LUCKY VANIE (10-11) beat Righthiand Man (11-1) a neck at Newcastle (4m 11, £8,304, good to soft, Feb 18), with BUSH GUIDE (10-3) 181 avery in 6th, after being hampered, THREE TO ONE (10-0) 8th, ANOTHER CAPTAIN (10-5) 10st, BROOMY BANK (11-4) beat Housetable Man (10-6) 4 at Chellischem Gan, £2,358, good, Mer 13, With PILOT OFFICER (10-8) and CANFORD GINGER (10-9) both well behind BURNT OAK (12-1) beaten Yell by special Cargo (12-8) at Sandown (3m 11, £2,331, good, Mer 5), Selection GRITTAR.

John Burke (left) and Ben De Haan, two riders who have

2.0 CAPTAIN MORGANS AINTREE CHASE (Limited handicap: Grade II: £13,107: 2m (7 runners)

NATINE Brockshae

PORIN: RATHOORIMAN (12-0) and THE BROCKSHEE (12-0) 8th and 10th behind Badeworth Boy (12-0) at Chehenham (2m. E21,005. Good. Mar 14) when LITTLE BAY (12-0) was 2nd beaten 10th and ARTHRICE (12-0) a burther 10th back in 3rd. Earlier LITTLE BAY (11-1) was beaten 10th and ARTHRICE (12-0) a burther 10th back in 3rd. Earlier LITTLE BAY (11-1) was beaten 10th back WESTERN ROSE (10-7) by 51 (soft). PAGARAN (11-1) beatum nearly 10 by Chamfied (11-1) at Newbury (2m 44. E2,881, good. Mar 3). Beat from over 2m on a sound surface. But MERCHANT (11-10) beat Show Blaesed (10-0) ²4 at Newcastie (2m, E1,578, good to soft, Mar 19). WESTERN ROSE (10-10) bed to 9th behind Mosey Moore (10-0) at Chehenham (2m, 58,865, good, Mar 13). THE BROCKSHEE (10-11) bel 9th.

Selection: RAGARAN. Liverpool selections

2.35 SANDEMAN AINTREE HURDLE (Grade II: £13,180: 2m 5f,110yd)

sales. Attempting to improve on 1963 runner-up, Carrickbeg, for trainer, Gay Kindersley. Has yet to show best form this season. ELIOGARTY: Caroline Beasley's impressive 1983 GRITTAR: John Francome's magnificent Aintree Cheltenham Foxhunters winner is considered the record speaks for itself - a second, a third and five

GOLDYKE (D) (S Mason) J Bosley 8-10-3
APPLANTE (R Armytage) R Armytage 9-10-1
THE DYKDER (D) (J Alikan) kirs T Calder 8-10-0
AL FIE DICKINS (Dickins Ltd) R Hollinshead 5-10-0
TIPTOMAN (W Love) S Bridge 5-10-0
BEAU WYNK (B Key) B Key 11-10-0
FAIR CITY (E Tsylor) F Gibson 7-10-0 (S ex)
GENERAL PATTERNS (K Wingrove) K Wingrove 10JUKEBOX KATTE (R Whelan) A Watson 5-10-0
MIDNIGHT MARY (J Carden) J Carden 9-10-0

(resorrams Butchers) 5 11 4 PA Charlton (8-1) 2 Paddy's Perli ch gby Paddy B Lower Perl (H Maddever) 8 11 1

STRAIGHT ACCORD b gby No Argumen1-Honours Bless (N Paravolni) 8 11 8
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1-Honours Bles Also Ran: 4 Acarine (4th), 6 King or Country (5th), 13-2 Kudos. 16 Why Farget, 20 Easter Carnival (F), 50 Border Jewel (6th), 9 Ran Sh ind, 121, 14 101, 34 F Wahayn at

TOTE: Win; £10.70. Places: £2.90. £6.90, £2.10. DF: £561.50. CSF: £191.66.

SEAGRAM GRAND NATIONAL

Burnt Oak shows the sort of jumping that could carry him to success over Aintree's fearsome fences. beaten by Two Swallows at Tacroy, Eliogarty would prob- he will be running on when was 12 months ago, when he ably prefer the ground to be others have cried enough, much softer.

Hallo Dandy's trainer, Gor. Nottingham recently, Like Corbiere, Grittar is attempting to win the race for a much softer. Denys Smith and Toby second time. His latest run at Market Rasen did not bode Balding, respectively the trainwell, but I would never put it ers of the National winners, This is Michael Dickinson's past John Francome to conjure Aligator and Highland Wedding are now banking on Midnight Love and Lucky Vanc a much better performance this in his stamina could prove his Eliogarty, the crack Irish to give them a second taste of undoing again, attention to flat racing and hunter, has been the medium of this particularly sweet victory. becomes Robert Sangster's private trainer at Whatcombe. a colossal ante-post gamble that. My feeling is that neither are would drain every bookmaker's sufficiently good jumpers to His hopes of doing so are weather Aintree, although Baldsaichel in the country. Howpinned on Ashley House, a epic race three years ago, good jumper, and Carl's Wager. Spartan Missile is now thought Of the two I prefer Ashley to be infinitely sharper than he House, even though he was ever, a study of the form book ing disagrees. What is certain is will show that along with last that stamina is Lucky Vane's year's third. Yer Man and strong suit. If he jumps all right other completions from nine mounts. Winner in 1982 LUCKY VANE: John "Rag Trade" Burke attempts "Arkle" of bunter-chasers in Ireland. Is cast in a similar classic Aintree mould to Grittar, Spartan comeback on winner of four-mile Eider Chase at Newcastle. Toby Balding is hopeful of repeating his 1969 triumph with Highland Wedding. I hope be nudges one early on and gets the message. Balding but a moderate fifth last year. Sound each-way chance. HALLO DANDY: Neale Doughty attempts to improve on last year's fourth on Gordon Richard's sound stayer. Has sound surface he needs. Trainer previously successful with Lucius in 1978. HAZY DAWN: Attempting to become first winning mare since Nickel Coin in 1951. Has lucky No 1 stables

FETHARD FRIEND: Recent purchase by Kais-al-Said from Oman and goes to Fred Winter tomorrow. Gerry Newman believes its his best chance since finishing third on Drumroan to Lucius in 1973.

form when runner-up at Down Royal this month.
GOLDEN TRIX: Improving nine-year-old, the aggroup which has provided 16 of the 38 post-war GREASEPAINT: 1983 runner-up has been heavilybacked as Dermot Weld seeks to become first trainer to land spring double this century. Greasepaint is on song. Given luck, we must go close." Weld says.

(E3.267 (E3) 41)

TOTE: Wirt: £4.50; Places; £1.80, £1.70, £2.80. DF: £5.30, GSF: £13.43.

3.10 LIVERPOOL MURDLE (4-y-0: £9,112 2m)

ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Cheers (Bitt), 6 Ster of Screen, 7 Son Of A Gunner, 9 Sonatma, 16 Ster of Ireland (Bitt), Royal Brigadler, 20 Hoorah Heatry, Chail Owl (4th), 25 Dodgy Fraurs, 33 Dhofar, Nudge Nudge, Orwardise (pu), Ring of Daymonds, Ruler on a Lari, 17

TOTE DOUBLE, \$13.90 TREBLE: \$14.10 (pai first two legs). PLACEPOT: £537 70. JACKPOT: £3.596 30.

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FIFA to

discuss

conduct

of fans

The "intolerable conduct of English football fans" will be discussed at the next executive committee meeting of FIFA, world football's governing body.

The meeting, in Zurich on May 19, will consider reports on the trouble linked with the France-England friendly international last month, though no disciplinary measures are likely.

Sepp Blater, general secretary, writing in Fifa News, describes the troubles in France as "another example of the English fans"

Chile will also

play England

Chile will be England's third opponents on their summer trip to South America. Brazil and Uruguay, both former World Cup winners, have already agreed to meet. England in June. Ted Croker, the FA secretary, put final touches to the tour on a trip to South America. this week. England will play Brazil in Rio de Janeiro on June 10: Uruguay in Montevideo on June 13, and Chile in Santiago on June 17.

destructive attitude." He stresses

that the holliganism can hinder the progress of the game around the

world.

"Photographs of English booli-gans in Paris not only rain the image; of our sport, but also form an obstacle to the further development.

of the sport in countries where football still has to be solidly established, but where the concept of fair play is well known," Mr Blatter adds. "FIFA's action is limited.

Indeed, the education of each individual is not the responsibility of a world federation, but rather than of the family, the school and the power of the state."

Whickham"

high again

By Paul Newman

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.. FIRST FIVE IN CHAMPION HURDLE RENEW RIVALRY

worse terms than she did in the Champion Hurdle. Usually O'Neill would have

ridden Little Bay in the Captain

Morgan's Aintree Chase. In this instance I feel that he would

Mullins to prove able deputy on Dawn Run

One man's misfortune in again today, even though she racing is so often another's good will be meeting Cima. Very luck and that has certainly Promising and Buck House on proved the case this week as far as John O'Neill has been concerned. The popular Irish-man took a heavy fall from Man Alive at the first fence of the Keltenberg Pils Chase on Thursday and missed a winning ride on Afzai at Liverpool

instance I feel that he would have been on a loser in any case and much prefer Ragafan, the conqueror of The Mighty Mac at Newbury in February, especially now that he will be running over two miles again and accourt prove an able deputy in Finally, both the course and distance of the Chivas Regal Chase looked tailor-made to watch the racing suffering from a badly cut and bruised forehead. He saw Graham McCourt prove an able deputy on Afzal and to his chagrin he seems likely to miss another coveled winning rider there again today on Dawn Run, the champion hurdler, in Sandeman Aintree Hurdle.

Tony Mullins, the son of the mare's trainer, Paddy Mullins, deputizes. That should not affect Dawn Run's chance because he knows her well. Yeslerday, Charmian Hill, Dawn Run's owner, said that she had never seen her mare so fit and well, in spite of her evertions at Cheltenham.

Twelve months ago Dawn Run was runner-up to Gaye Brief in the equivalent race, having won over the same course and distance just 24 hours earlier. That only goes to prove how tough she is, and she is quite capable of winning

Siberian **Express** to arrive on time

Desmond Stoneham French Racing Correspondent, Paris Several colts with classic poten-ital make their reappearance in the one mile prix de Fontainebleau at Longehamp tomorrow. My selec-tion for the race, which is often an excellent guide to the future, is Mahmoud Fustok's Siberian Ex-press.

This son of Caro won the Prix Moray and was not at his best when third to El Gran Senor in the William Hill Dewhurst Stakes. The danger could be Nikos, while a sound chance must be given to the Grand Criterium gunner-up, Truculent, and Mender.

lent, and Mendez.
Lester Piggott should partner
Darly to victory in the Prix
d'Harcurt where Willie Carson. Chase looked tailor-made to teams up with Garde Royale. The one they all have to beat in this 10suit the Kim Muir Challenge Cup runner-up. Honourable Man, furiong event is Crystal Glitters, who began the season by taking the Group III Prix Edmond Blanc. Mourjane. The Prix De Diame winner, Escaline, and Lovely Dancer are others who could take a hand in the fugah.

nand in the lighth.

Denel may take the Prix de
Barbeville for the second year in
succession, but he will have to be on
his best behaviour to hold ladian
Prince. Fubymam du Tenu and So
Good.

COLUMN heavy PRIX DE FONTAINEBLEAU (Group lit 3-y-c £18,201: 1m)

EDINBURGH

2.15 MARSHALL RACING JUVENILE STAKES (2-y-o: £756: 5f) (6 runners)

3 SWIFT RIVER C H Bet 8-11
21 TAME AFFAR (D) R SAIDUS 9-4
WENTHOM I Fairmars 8-11
WINNING MARK Denys Smith 8-11
CODED LOVE (D) K Stone 9-1
DENEUVE J WISON 6-8 1983: Rievaux Ravar 9-1 G Duffield (4-1) W Wharton & ran. 10-11 Tama Alfair, 11-4 Coded Love, 5 Swift River, 12 Wenthom

Edinburgh selections

By Mandarin 2.15 Five Starters. 2.40 Pergoda. 3.5 Balabil. 3.50 Concert Pitch. 4.20 Miki Miki Motor. 4.50 Baby Boy. By Our Newmarket Correspondent 3.5 Balabil. 4.20 Miki Miki Motor, 4.50 Baby Boy.

2.40 MARSHALL RACING ANNIVERSARY HANDI-CAP (2795: 5f) (7)

| 2AP (£/95; 51] [/] | 9000- ZENYATTA (D) Denys Smith 4-9-10 _D Leadbither 7 3 000-0 PERGODA (CD) (8) | 1/4 clears 5-9-9 _____ W Ryan 5 2 000-0 CENTRAL CARPETS (0) R Stubbs 5-8-9 D Nicholis 1 940-0 F INAL CAST (D) D Chapman 5-8-2 ___ P Griffiths 7 4 3000- BLOCHARM SKOLAR (D) N Bycoris 5-2 ___ W Fry 7 003-6 RETURN-TO_JALNA (BF) (8) E Alsson 3-8-1 S Norstal 5 5 Norstal 5 Norsta

9 400- TRADESMAN (CD) J Haldane 4-7-13 _____K Darley 6 1963: Pergoda 5-8-7 S Morris (6-1) I Vickers deed heated with H R Micro 5-8-6 S Donkin (4-1) M Lambert 8 ran. 11-4 Central Carpets, 7-2 Pergoda, 5 Finel Cast, Return-To Jains, 7 adesman, 8 Biochelm Stolar, 10 Zanvatta.

3.5 CRAZY MAIDEN STAKES (2769: 1m 3f) (8) 000- UPTOWN W Storey 4-8-6 B- BALABEL M Prescott 3-8-0 ... 0030- HARLYN BAY S Norton 3-8-0

16 000-0 STAR PATRICK D Chapman 3-7-11S P Griffens 7 1883: Hazel Bush 3-7-13 G Duffield (9-4 lav) M Prescott 11 ren. 4-7 Harlyn Bey, 7-2 Balabil, 5 Star Patrick, 16 High Resed, uckland Express. 15 others. 3.50 DOUBLE HORSESHOE HANDICAP (£1,643: 1:

1983: Apple Wine 6-8-8 D Nicholls (7-1) D Chapman 9 rsn. 11-10 Concert Pitch, 9-2 Rivers Edge, 5 Blue Breeze, 8 Apple Wil szel Bank, 10 Leith Spring, 16 others. 4.20 MARSHALL RACING SELLING STAKES (£594

PLEASURABLE (BF) E Aiston 4-8-4 M Aiston 7
LADY DONARIO (CD) J Berry 4-9-1 K Devisey
HEATHER PRINCE & W Jones 4-8-11 S Keightley
IMPERIAL LANTERN D Chepman 4-8-11 D Micholis
REPITCH (B) V Thompson 4-8-11 C D Wyor
WALDRON HILL R Alam 4-8-11 C D Wyor
WALDRON HILL R Alam 4-8-11 Blake 7
LINANHOT J Parkes 4-8-8 G Duffield
MHC MHCI MICHOLIS (B) W Hastings-Bases 3-8-0

1983: (5-y-o) Resister 8-4 K Darley (11-4) J Berry 5 ran. 11-8 Lady Donaro, 11-4 Pleasurable, 7-2 Mild Mild Motor, 8 Repli 12 Waldron Hil, 14 others. 4.50 MARSHALL RACING MAIDEN STAKES (3-y-c

oed His Mind 9-0 R W var (15-8 tav) C Nelson 7 re

64 Life Guard, 2 Beby Boy, 9-2 Starting Point, 8 Abe Nebeem, 1. Scrap Herry, 14 others.

1 8-b1 Cheekis Ora (C.3) 11-12-10

Antyrana 9-11-7 Des Willam Beits Of Saraguny 10-11-7 Mr S Har Wise Lady 8-11-2 M Oliver i Current Monant 5-10-9 S Willams

REFERENCE SELECTIONS BY MANDARDY: 2.15 Reine 2.45 See Claire. 3.45 Mister Bee. 4.15 Sutton Princ 4.45 Two Coppers. 5.15 Cheeklo Dra. 5.45 Ohiv

Today's Point-to-Points

Blankney at Carholm (2.15); Cattistock at Beaminster (12.45); Cleveland at Little Ayton (1.30);

Crawley and Horsham at Parham (1.15); Easton Harriers at Higham (1.45); Tredegar Farmers at Gwent (1.0); West Percy and Milvain at Alnwick (11.0).

Bandelero (9-4 Fav) 15t, 21 16 ran, NR: Outle Hot, Thryles, J Jankins, Epsom. Tote: 24.50, 22.00, 24.40, 21.00. DP: 247.40. CSF: 259.59. PLACEPOT: 240.45.

p-ps Frazes Priese 8-1 8p-3 Meyal Air 13-12-0 0c-6 Seleman 11-12-0

Hereford

2 15 HAY NOVICE HURDLE (Div I: £745: 3m 12 Relate 7-11-10 H Oaves 909 Antonia Sitt 5-11-5 5 J O'Norll 90-2 Africas Sitt 5-11-5 Mr R Cumwoody 4 plip Beechweel Led 5-11-0 H Stormfeld 4 909 First Fred 5-11-0 J Style 909 Resident 5-11-0 R 660 Secar Belta 7-11-0 R Caroli 842 Pharash's Gree 7-11-0 C Evens 7 8-06 Sections 6-11-0 L Mann 639 Silabourne (8) 6-11-0 L Mann 698 Silabourne (8) 6-11-0 L M Phalloran 64 Arctic Stars 8-10-9 A Griffiths 4 60 Bullysiaran Less 6-10-9 M Carwell 7 8 Enerald Flight 5-10-9 A O'Hagen 669 Way Sign 5-10-9 M Brisbourne 669 Way Sign 5-10-9 M Brisbourne 669 Way Sign 5-10-9 R Ludey 2.45 LITTLE BIACH SELLING HURDLE (\$742:

17 Cresspet Catcher 8-11-0 Mr M Richards 7
2 309 Leaf of The Foxes 11-11-0 ... Mr I Mobie 4
8 9-99 Mil Dad 7-11-0 ... Mr R Dutwoody 4
11 829 Prince Beskins 9-11-0 ... A Carroll
12 42 Qualification (8) 9-11-0 ... A Carroll
14 900 Refi A-Joint 6-11-0 ... R Keyton
15 400 Starton 5-11-0 ... R Keyton
16 400 Starton 5-11-0 ... R Keyton **Devon results** Geingr Good to soft.

2.15 (2m 11 hdia) 1 Squire Treleway [Philip Hobbs, 9-1; 2 Lyminster (3-1); 2 Bolt The Gate (17-2); Fast Lady 6-4 fav. 40, 19, 18 ran. D Barone. Tote: \$6.50; \$22.00. \$2.60, \$2.10. DF: \$11.30. \$57: \$22.50. \$2.60, \$2.10. DF: \$11.30. \$57: \$22.50. \$2.60, \$2.10. DF: \$11.30. \$57: \$22.50. \$2.60, \$2.10. DF: \$13.00. \$7.2 ft inty; 2 Coultman (7-2 ft inty; 3 Be Be Belle (11-2). 119, 121. 14 ran. NF: Filsmord Miss H Knight. Tote: \$2.90: \$1.70. \$1.80. \$2.00. DF: \$2.80. \$CSF: \$18.72. \$2.50: \$1.10. \$1.

2.13.34. 4.0 (2m 11 hds) 1, inspired (Jessics Yumer 25-1); 2, Human Giory (50-1); 3, Full Brigade (11-4 Fav) 14, 21 16 ran NR: Blackboosh, Gods Wit. W G Tumer, Tote: 215-40; 23-40, 211.30, 22.80. DP: £347.00. CSP: £781.82.

29 884 Favourite Fells 12-10-0

pes David's Felly 11-10-0 ... Dis Bay Forest 6-10-0 Opt Small Shrow 8-10-0

6-4 Mister Bee, 100-30 Prince Busines, 6 Last Of The Foxes, 6 Qualification.

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 Today's meeting at Lingfield Park has been abandoned because the course is waterlogged. A course spokesman said "the meeting had been in doubt even before a heavy storm hit the track this afternoon"



Dawn Run, who tries to follow up her Champion Hurdle win in Aintree's 2.35 race

Portents against troubled Widnes

RUGBY LEAGUE

By Keith Macklin

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After a decade of collecting trophies. Widnes are in danger of becoming the nearly men of rugby league. Twice this season, in the Lancashire Cup and the John Player Special Trophy, they have been beaten finalists, and the portents are not good for this afternoon's semi-final round match in the Challenge Cup, sponsored by State Express.

It will be played at Swinton and their opponents are Leeds, who have won the last eight games between the two clubs, and are in the middle of a run in which they have lost only one game since the arrival of Maurice Bamford as coach in November.

Furthermore, Widnes have been in serious trouble on and off the field in recent, weeks. Following their brilliant victory over Hull Kingston Rovers in the Challenge Cup quarter-finals, they were soundly beaten at home in league games by the same Rovers team and by relegation-threatened Futham.

There was much discord in the dressing room and the team

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There was much discord in the dressing room and the team manager. Vince Karalius, who commutes from the Isle of Man, and the coach, Harry Dawson, had a row over Great Britain training nights and the attendance of Widnes players. This embarrassed the payers. This embarrassed the watching Widnes players, and there are many who believe that their loss of form dates from this unfortunate confrontation, which led to Daw-

confrontation, which led to Dawson's resignation.

Leeds, although shaken out of
their complacency by a solitary
defeat at Hull, are playing with
enormous confidence and have the
psychological cushion of those eight wind in a row against Widnes. Leeds, however, have bitter memorteeds, nowever, have bitter memories of two seasons ago when, in precisely this match at this stage of the season. Widnes went through to Wembley in the last seconds when a drop kick by Adams hit the Leeds crossbar and dropped conveniently to O'Loughlin, who scored the winning try.

winning try.

There are two other important games this weekend, in addition to the usual championship programme in both divisions. Tomorrow Great Britain meet France in an amateur international at Oldham, and the Southern Amateur Rugby League Challenge Cup final will be played at Hurlingham Park between Ealing and London Colonials.

 An appeal by Leigh against the suspension of their Great Britain winger. Des Drummond, will be heard by the Rugby League disciplinary committee in Leeds on Monday. Drummond has been suspended for five matches, two for retaliation and three for biting.

Bamber in hospital

Brighton's chairman, Mike tember was recovering vesterday in the Royal Sussex County Hospital after collapsing at his home in Brighton on Thursday. A hospital spokesman said that Mr-Bamber was "comfortable and satisfactory", and tests were being carried out

SWIMMING Miss Cripps can

Annabelle Cripps, born in the United States, has another opportunity to gain a place in the British Olympic squad, after being included in the team to meet Holland in an international, sponsored by York-shire Bank, at Blackpool in two

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get to grips

Celtic must take four points from two games in the next three days if two games in the next three days in they are to have any hope of winning the premier division title back, but rely not even at their long and glowing history have the Parkgate club encountered such a daunting task as they face this I oday they meet Aberdeen, the league leaders and firm favourites to win the championship and on Monday they play Rangers, their oldest rivals, to whom they lost the league Cup Finsl last week.

David Hay, their manager, concedes that even if they win both severe it might not make any real.

FOOTBALL: AWAY GAME PROBLEMS FOR LEADERS

Climbing Liverpool face yet another precipice

Liverpool's climb towards the elusive triple peak gets steeper all the time. It was only in the second leg of their European Cup quarter-final 10 days ago that they got to grips with Benfica, and it was only at the second attempt on Wednes-day that they loosened Everton's partial hold on their Milk Cup. They will probably need several assaults in the League before they conquer Manchester

Today they face a nasty precipice: no-one dimbs all over Watford at the moment, home or away. Watford, though, are a bit low after being hit with gastroenteris on Thursday. But last night only Jobson was ruled out and only two first-team players were mildly affected, Barnes and Reilly. Unlike flu-bitten Read-ing and Southend United, Watford had no need to seek a postponement.
Watford's form has been

stunning; four defeats in 23 matches since December. Had the season begun then they would have been among the championship contenders.
Though Wembley is on the horizon, a good League finish and its European implications cannot e and have not been ignored by Graham Taylor, their manager. Three players, Rostron. Bardsley and Terry, will be playing only borderline.

one booking and they wil be out of the FA Cup semi-final. Watford won the corresponding fixture last season on the final day, and since Liverpool failed to win any of their last seven games. Taylor did not extract full satisfaction. Watford have been convincingly beaten at Anfield since their meteoric

rise to the first division. The mere name of Liver-pool provides the most difficult obstacle to beating them", Taylor said. "It hardly matters who plays for them. It's a psychological barrier that has to

be beaten down."
Wark, recently signed from Ipswich Town, will be pulling on one of the magicial red shirts today for the first time, to the exclusion of Johnston. Pained more than most by his substitution in the Milk Cup final at Wembley, it may be the prelude to another from the South-Afri-can born Johnston, whose style has never been really accepted

Manchester United's position is no less comfortable at the Hawthorns. It is the former seat of Ron Atkinson, the United either club's supporters.

Alan Kennedy, of Liverpool, manager, who benefited immensely from the foundations.

West Ham made a profit of looks certain to win his first full cap mensely from the foundations.

2634,000 in the year ending July 31, at the age of 29 as he is the only of Ron Atkinson, the United laid by an earlier occupant,



Wark; "He might just give us that little extra aggression". Joe Fagan, Liverpool's manager, says.

Babe in his playing days. Giles, who moulded the early career of Bryan Robson, is now back to resurrect Albion and Atkinson remarked yesterday: "Their new management team has got them well organized and a lot of their best players are fit again.

Muhren will have a late test on his thigh before he can try to help United increase their oncpoint lead over Liverpool.

Appeal against Cup ban

West Ham United are appealing; against the penalty imposed by the FA following the pitch invasions which marred the club's fifth round FA Cup tie at Birmingham on February 18. An FA commission of inquiry barred both clubs from the next two FA Cup competitions, but suspended the ban on condition that there was no further trouble from

Daunting task for Celtic

By Hugh Taylor -

eleven that lost to Rangers. A draw appears a most likely result of what

will almost certainly turn out to be a bruising confrontation on similar

lines to the previous five meetings of the clubs, of which Aberdeen have won two, Celtic one with the others goalless draws.

Alex Ferguson, the Aberdeen manager, believes his team can win at Parkhead, in revenge for the cup defeat there, and provide the inspired start for what may become

the most glorious 28-day era any Scottish club has known. "I am

Johnny Giles, himself a Busby four leading clubs can take advantage from a home game. Southampton, in fourth place, travel to Goodison Park for a dress rehearsal of their FA Cup semi-final. Neither will want to show their hand too early, yet neither can afford to take it lightly. In Everton's case, relegation is still a concern. though Lawrie McMenemy, surprisingly, fears most a backlash from Everton's spilt Coicidentally, none of the milk in midweck.

Sansom loss is Kennedy gain

Arsenal have withdrawn their left back. Kenny Sansom, from the England squad for the meeting with Northern Ireland at Wembley on Wednesday. He has an ankle injury. "We hope it won't be a long job but there is no way Kenny would be fit to play international football on Wednesday. "Don Howe, the Arsenal manager, said.

Alan Kennedy, of Liverpool.

at the age of 29 as he is the only other left back in the squad.

points behind. "Our chase is futile", Jim McLean the manager, said.

"We were unlucky to lose to Aberdeen in the Scottish Cup, we

know we have nothing to fear from

them and we still have to play them

twice in the league".

United have just signed Munro from Sunderland in an attempt in strengthen their fragile resources and a newcomer, will be in the team

to play Heart of Midlothian at Tynecastle. Hearts, however, need

to take as many points as possible if they are to claim a place in the UEFA Cup next season in the other matches, Dundee,

Whickham hope to complete a remarkable change in their fortunes today by reaching the Wembley-final of the FA Vase for the second time in three years. The Wearsids club entertain Stansted (Essex Senior League) in the second leg of the semi-finals, having earned a 1-1 draw in the first match last week. Whickham's manager and most

Whickham's manager and most of their players left the club in a pay dispute only weeks after the 1981 Vase victory and two mediocre seasons followed. Tommy Robisson, a former Gateshead player, was appointed manager less than also appointed manager less than six months ago and he has completely reversed the slide, taking Whickham from the bottom of the league to a mid-table position and to within 90 minutes of Wembley.
Stamford, the 1980 Vase winners.

are clear favourites to win the other semi-final after their 2-1 victory. another United Counties League club, in the first leg. Three Irthlingborough players - Phipps, Gillespie and Kurila - missed lastweek's game through injury and only Phipps, who has been having treatment at Arsenal for a hamstring strain, has a chance of playing

Games postponed

The Football League yester day agreed to a request by Southend United to postpone. tomorrow's third division game at Millwall. Sothend have 10 players suffering from a virus: infection and six on the injured list. Bobby Moore, the manager said: "I could not have put our ateam if I tried." Chester's fourth's division game with Torquay today has also been postponed, because seven Chester players. have a virus.

scottish club has known. I am confident we could now win the treble of League championship, Scottish Cup and European Cup Winners Cup", he declared. It could be that in the end the champions, Dundee United, even if they fail to regain their title, may, run Aberdeen closer than Cebic. games, it might not make any real difference in the long run as Aberdeen is six points ahead of Celtic with two games in band, "But who are again playing with style and conviction, should be too good for the inconsistent Hibernian at Dens Park: Motherwell, who are virtually doomed to the first division, can hardly hope to hold the rampant we must try to make amends for our mp in form", he said. run Aberdeen closer than Cehic, despite the fact that they are eight recent slump in form", he said. He will make changes in the

First division

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FDOTBALL COMBRNATION: Arbenel v Oxford; Lubon v Lelcester; Norwich v Milheel (2.00); Southampton v Crystal P; Swersea v Birmangham; Swindon v Reading (2.30); #85H LEAGUE: Ards v Bangor; Ballymena v Glenevon; Garrick Rangers v Glendoran; Celforwith v Distillery; Limfald v Colarains; Newry v Larne; Podadown v Grusadora.

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v Dundee Rocisets (7.0); Murrayfield Racers v
Warriors (5.15). First Division:
Biscispool Seeguilis v Richmond Flyers (7.0);
Crowtree Chiefs v Southsampton Valings (8.30);
Glasgore Dynamos v Decada Dragons (8.0).

attack is Everton's only goalkeeper is playing in his change for their home game first Midlands derby in the against. Southampton match at Birmingham.

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6.20 News with Jan Leeming.

5.30 Streetwise presented by

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6.40 Songs of Praise from Kirkby

8.05 Mastermind. The specialist subjects are: The Medici and

the City of Florence; World

the Swallows and Amazons

books of Arthur Ransome.

about her brother without

9.20 That's Life. Consumer advice and a lighthearted look at everyday living.

group of flying pickets and asks how far the strikers

justify a challenge to union

democracy and the law?

European Formula Two

eve or a small telescope.

11.35 The Sky at Night, Patrick Moore and Heather Couper

Championship.

10.05 News with Jan Leeming.

10.20 Heart of the Matter joins a

knowing his true identity while in New York a nasty shock

8.35 Dynasty. Fallon learns a lot

awaits Krystle.

War One; John Betjeman; and

robotics (r). 1.00 Familing 1.25 Letting Go. Young people and parents talk about young love,

Cartoons: Bugs Burny Soub

Carterights fall foul of an eutocratic landowner whose captives are forced into written.

12.10 Use Your Head, Memory

BBC# 6.20 Open University (until 8.25). 8.35 Godzille, Cartoon (r) 9.00 Seturday Super Store. Today's guests include tropical fish expert Chris Andrews who will be answering 'phone-in questions; Jaffrey Daniel, who plays the futuristic electric train, Electra, in the new musical Starlight Express; and Tom O'Connor who will be king about his new series

for the BBC, According to O'Connor, 12.12 Weather prospects from lan McCaskill. 12.15 Grandstand introduced from Africe by David Coleman begins with a trip down the Grand National's memory lane at 12:15; the runners and betting at 12:25; Bob Wilson interviews a few well known faces at the course at 12.30.

News summary; commentator Richard Pitman takes us around the course he nearly conquered on Crisp at 1.05; runners and betting at 1.25; John Francome weighs his chance at 1.30; memory man Reg Green challenges viewers to test his knowledge of the great race at 1.40.

Coverage of the Captain Morgan's Aintree

2.30 The Sandaman Aintree Hurdie. David Coleman talks to some of the owners and jockeys at 2.10; the runners and betting at 2.25; the horses parade at 2.45.

3.20 The Seagram Grand National Steepischase. Harrome football scores and reports at 3.45; Rugby League: Leads v Widnes at 3.50; a re-run of the big race at 4.25; and Final Score at 4.40.

5.10 Cartoon: Tom and Jerry. 5.20 Anything Goes features two teams of policemen and policewomen competing in a series of zany games in front of the Chief Constables of Greater Manchester and

6.00 News with Jan Leeming 6.10 Sport and regional news. 6.15 The Dukes of Hazzard. The boys are suspicious when the scheming Boss Hogg selis land on which stands Uncle

7.00 Film: A Shot in the Dark (1964) starring Peter Sellers as the incompetent inspector Closeau in the follow up to the Pink Panther. Closeau is investigating the case of a parlour mald accused of shooting her lover. With Elke Sommer. Directed by Blake

10 News and Sport, Jan Leeming **Driving Ambition.** The tension heightens as the day of the Brands Hatch meeting draws

9.45 Wogan. His guests are Cliff Richard, Michael Parkinson and Jane Laportiere. 10.35 Match of the Day includes highlights of natches from

ooth the First and Second Divisions plus a re-run of the Fig.: The Masque of the Red Death (1964) starring Vincent Price, Horror movie based on one of Edgar Alian Poe's 14.35 classic tales with Price se Prince Prospero, a Sata and despotic ruler of a 12th century Italian province. Directed by Roger Corman. 1.05 Westber.

Radio 4

ws. 7.10 Today's Papers. 7.15

On Your Farm. 7.45 in Perspective. 7.50 Down to Earth. 7.55 Weather; Travel; Programme

Sport on 4, 8,48 Yesterday in Parliament, 8,57 Westher, Travel. 9,00 News. Breakaway. The holiday, travel

and leisuré scene. 9,50 News Stand. Mike Chaney on the

weekly magazines.
10.05 The week in Westminster. With Robert Carvel.
10.30 Dog Days, June Barry and Jack Watson on a spring walk with

b. 5.25 Shipping Forecast, 5.30 News; Farming Today, 6.50 in Perspective, 6.55 Weather;

News. 8.10 Today's Papers.

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Budapest's Sporthalle followed by Night Thoughts. 7.45 Baker's Dozen Packs to both with the late Bakert.

8.30 Saturday-Night Theatre.
'Snapping Out' by Martin Worth.
The true story of how perents resorted to kidnapping to rescue their daughter from the Moonles.
With Lesley Dunlop and Jane Weehamt.

10.00 News. 18.15 Murder Hunt. David Scott's . investigation into the murders of Susan Maxwell and Caroline Hogg. 11.00 Evening Service1. 11.15 Coast to Coast. Novelist Joseph

Hone talls the nine-part story of his travels in central Africa. 1:
Zairs: A Low Profile.

11.30 Earwig A series of six overheard programment and a series of six overheard the series of six overhear ion pieces by Alum

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ENGLAND VHF as above except 6.25-6.30am Weather, Travel. 1.55-2.00 Programme News. 5.50-5.55 Programme News.

watson on a spring waik with man's best friend. 10.45 Pick of the Week.† 11.35 Prom Our Own Correspondent. 12.00 News, Money Box. 12.27 The News Cutz. With Alan Coren, John Wells, David Taylor, Gillian Hoygert.112.55 Weather. Radio 3 7.55 Weather, 8.00 News. 8.05 Aubade: Coleridge-Taylor's Petite suite de concert; 1.00 News. 1.10 Any Ouestion? From Dubin. With 1.10 Any Ouestion? From Dubin. With Pette suite de concert
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F for Jew's Harp and orch);
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gentile (von Stade, soprano);
Boss's Conc in A minor for
organ, four horns and orch.† 9.00
News.
9.05 Record Review: Robert Cunningham, Prof John A Murphy and Ruaira Quinn.

2.00 News.
2.05 Thirty-minute Theatre 'Elite
Bagg's Account' by Alson
Prince. The story of a bank
manager and an eccentric
women client. With Anthony Bate
and Vivian Pickles.
2.36 Medicine Now. Henderson compares various recordings of Beethoven's Sept and an item on 50 years of tape Medicine Now. and an item to so your recording.?
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5.00 Poet to Poet. 2: Making Love with the Light On— John Donne as a poet of love. With Craig Raine.
5.25 Week Ending! Satirical review of the week's news. 5.50 Shipping 5.55 Weether; Travel.

8.00 News; Sports round-up.
925 Desert Island Discs with Paul Torteller, the cellists.
95 Stop The Week, with Robert Robinson music by Fascinating

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mORKSHIRE as London except starts 9.25 Weather 1000wed by Meiotoons. 9.35 The Pring Gwt. 10.09-10.39 University Challenge. 91.00 pm Pro-Celebrity Snooker. 11.45 n.ou Grant. 12.49 Closedown.

8.25 Good Morning Britain presented by Henry Kelfy and Toni Arthur, News and ther at 6.25, 7.00 and 8.00: Jeni Barnett's pick of the week at 6.30; sport at 7.10; plus interviews from 7.00 and George Best at 7.15. 8.40 Data Rust Among the guests are pop group Kajagoogoo and the drummer of Culture Club. Jon Moss.

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9.25 LWT Information 9.30
Sesame Street, 10.80 The
Saturday Show, Among the
guests is Culture Club's
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week's sporting highlight; plus cartoons and pop videos.

World of Sport introduced by

Football preview from Jimmy

12.50; 1.20 Drag Racing from Pomona, California; 1.35 and 2.10 Racing from Lingfield. Derek Thompson introduces coverage of the Mariey Roof Tile Handicap (1.45); the Better than Total Mandicap (1.45).

with the Tote Handicap (2.15); and the Polycell Willie Carson Apprentice Challenge Handicap (2.45); 1.55 Curling: the Royal Bank Women's

World Championship from Perth Ice Rink.

Athletics: Steve Ovett in Australia. 2.55 Championship

Boxing. Coverage of last night's European Heavyweight

title fight in Limoges between Lucien Rodriguez of France and Wales's David Pearce; and the World Middleweight Championship bout in Las

Vegas between Marvin Hagle and Juan Roldan; 3.45 Half-

Wrestling. An international tag tournament from Guildford

Adventures of the little people who live beneath a lighthouse.

Whiz Kids. Richie Adler and A.

J. Simon are on the trait of a

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the host for a panel game in

in which nine members of the

audience are asked to value

the price of everyday things.

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9.15 Film: Deadly Strangers (1974) starring Hayley Mills and Simon Ward. A young woman's car breaks down and

the lorry driver who gives her a

helped by a passing salesmar who offers her a lift. While in

his car she learns of the escape or a psychopath from a

local institution . . . Directed by Sidney Flayers.

followed by 9 to 5. Office comedy about three harassed

11.00 London news headlines

11.30 Rock Concert, Manired

Mann's Earth Band at

ts her up; she is then

being sold illegally. 6.30 Child's Play. Michael Aspel is

which celebrities have to decipher children's

7.00 The Price Is Right. Quiz game

8.00 T. J. Hooker. Police sergeant Hooker is searching for an

9.00 News and sport.

time football scores 4.00

4.45 Results round-up.

5.00 News 5.05 Fraggle Rock.

Greaves and lan St John at

Dickle Davies, The line-up is Canceing from Bala, North Wales at 12.20; News at 12.45;

TV-am

Gary Cooper and Jean Arthur as Wild Bill Hickok and Calamity Jane in The Plainsman (Channei 4, 2.30pm)

BBC 2

6.25 Open University (until 3.15). 3.15 Film: Broadway" (1942) starring George Raft as himself recalling his early days as an entertainer, a career he began as a dancer in New York's Paradise speakeasy ring the time of the Prohibition, Directed by William A Seiter.

4.40 Film: Johnny Angel* (1945) starring George Raft and Claire Trevor. Raft plays the title role, a sea captain who vows to find the man who murdered his father. With Hoagy Carmichael. Directed by Edwin L Marin.

The World Chass 6.00 Championship. Jeremy Jame and Bill Hartson introduce coverage of the Challenger's Finals being played in Lithuania between Smyslov and Kasparov.

6.25 Rome and the Bounds of the Empire. This second of three programmes illustrates how the buildings, authorised by Herod in the first century AD, were built.

6.50 Sight and Sound in Concert leatures Blancmange 7.30 News and Sport read by Jan

Learning.
7.45 Masterclass, Paul Torteller Instructs Lesley Shrigley-Jones and Sumiko Kurata on the complexities of Rachmaninov's Sonate in G minor (r).

8.30 Rugby Special. Nigel Starmer-Smith Introduces highlights of this afternoon's Thorn-EMI County Championship Final at Twickenham betwee Gloucestershire and Somerset.

9.15 A Summer Reflection. Top sports photographer, Earnone McCabe talks about his career.

9.45 Strangers and Brothers. The penultimate episode, based on the second half of C P Snow's Contidors of Power, in which Roger Qualte's fall from grace has repercussions for Lewis Ellot's career, (Shown 10.35 News with Jan Leeming.

10.40 Film: Vincent, François, Paul et les autres (1974) starring Yves Montand, Serge Audran. A competting study of friendship and middle age by following the fortunes of three married couples, all close faces a personal crisia Baser on the book La Grande Marrade, by Claude Neron and directed by Claude Sautet. (English subtities) Ends at 12,40.

SCHEDET'S SONATA IN A MINOR D 845; and Brahms's Four Plano Pleces, Op 119.† Dreamers of Dreams: chamber music by Egar (Incl Plano Guintei in A migor, 1919, and Woodwind Quinter, Shed No 5), Delius

Cuintet, Shed No 5), Delius (including Sonats No 3 - Meruhin and Fenby), and Holst (incl Wind Quintet in A flet major).†
4.00 Kodaly: BBC SO and Chorus in the Ode: The music Makers; Summer Evening: Variations on Hungarian Folk Song.†
5.00 Jazz Record Requests presented by Peter Clayton.†
5.45 Critics Forum: with Gilbert Adals, Peter Porter, Hillary Spurling and (in the chair) Anthony Thwatte, and comment on the Beryl

incl comment on the Beryl Bainbridge BBC 2 series English

Journey, Reubke: Brisin Runnett plays the Sonata for organ on the 94th

Bartok's one-set opera. Sung in Hungarian. With Fischer-Dieskau and Julia Barady. And Bavarian State Orch.

8.10 Lost in a Library: Bill Bufford in

8.10 Lost in a Library: Bill Bufford in conversation with the Argentine writer Jorge Luis Borges.
8.45 Stan Tracey's 40th Anniversary Concert: The Queen Elizabeth Hall concert, given lest year. Part one. Evidence (for Quariet): A Rose Without a Thom (for duo): Time Spring (for octet). Soloists incl Harry Beckett, Peta King, Art Themen, Torry Coe and Don Weiter and Malcolm Griffiths.f.
9.15 The Fur Cost: Diana Bishop reads her own story.
9.30 Stan tracey Concert: part two. Now (piano solo): Gift and Muis Rufe (for sextist): A M Mayhem, Afro-Charile, Dream of Many Colours etc.;

10.45 Lassus: works performed by the Martindels Sidwell Choir.1 11.15 News. Until 11.18. VHF only: Open University. From 6.55 am to 7.55, and from 11.20

Radio 2

4.00 am John Evington. † 6.00 Shelia Tracy find, 7.50 Racing Bulletin. 8.05 Devid Jacobs. † 10.00 Sounds of the 50s twith Keith Fordyos. 11.00 Abum Time with Peter Clayton, Incl. 11.02 Sports Desk. 1.00 The News Huddlines. 1.30

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Psaim.† 7.05 Duke Bluebeard's Castle;

CHANNEL 4

1.50 Mothers by Daughters. The story of hy Louise Hancock as seen through the eyes of her actress daughter. Shella (r).
2.30 Firm: The Plainsman* (1936) starring Gary Cooper and Jean Arthur. Classic Cecil B De Mille offering with Cooper in the role of Wild Bill Hickok trving to make peace with the trying to make peace with the Indians after they have been supplied with repeating rifles by unscrupulous arms dea following the end of the

American Civil War. 4.35 Marna Malone, Marna's neighbour, Mr Klinger, asks her to accompany him to a 5.05 Brookside A compilation of the week's episodes.

 No Problem! The final episode of the comic series and Earl Solomen Powell calls the police when Sensimilia refuser. to drop the claim for his title. 6.30 Earsay. The first of a new series of pop music magazin

programmes presented by Nicky Home, Gary Crewley and Lesley-Anne Jones. Tonight's edition includes a anatch of the new Culture Club video and Sandie Shaw singing with The Smiths. 7.30 News headlines and weather

Lonadale, presented by Russell Harty. 7.15 One by One. The final episode in the series based on the Zoo Vet books by David Taylor. Donna the elephant is in need of Donald's skills and he is followed by Union World. A profile of Brenda Dean, the General-Secretary elect of the print union Sogat 82. Twenty Twenty Vision: 84 in 84. A number of people the also called to help the police track down an escaped 8.00 leopard.

same age as the century talk about what they think of life today. Among them are a former trade unionist who once believed that the revolution was just around the corner and the sole surviving Group.

8.30 Foreword to 4 American Composers. An introduction to the new series beginning

4 American Composers. The first of a new series by Peter Greenaway begins with 70-year old John Cage, famous for his 4 Minutes and 33 Seconds, in which, sitting at a closed piano he invited his audience to listen to the

King are sent to assist Sir James Pendred, the intended victim of a gunman. 10.45 The Comic Strip Presents... Five Go Mad in Dorset. Award-

winning comedy spoof (r). 11.25 Film: intruder in the Dust bigotry in the American south. Directed by Clarence Brown. 1.00 Closedown.

Gloucestershire and Somerset) and 5.00 Sports Report. 8.00 Folk on 2 with Jim Lloyd. 7.00 Beet the Record. 7.30 Saturday Gaia Might. A Robert Mandell Family Concert recorded at the Town Hall, Simningham. 19.30 Big Band Special. 110.02 Sports Desk. 10.05 Saturday Rendezvous. 111.00 Ken Bruce. 11.00 am Peter Dickson on Nightrida. 13.00-4.00 Wally Whyton with Country Concert. 1

Radio 1

6.00 am Mark Page. 8.00 Tony
Blackburn's Saturday Show. 16.00 Dave
Lee Travis. 1.00 Hitsville USA - PS. The
Story of Motown.† 2.00 Paul
Gambaccin.† 4.00 Saturday Live with
Richard Schmer and Andy BattenFoster. 16.20 Sight and Sound in
Concert featuring Bisnomange
(simultaneous broadcast with BBC2).
7.30 Janice Long. 10.00-12.00 Doie
Peach. VHF Radice 1 and 2.4.00 am
With Radio 2. 1.00 pm With Radio 1.
7.30-4.30 am With Radio 2.

WORLD SERVICE

Bulliam Newisclesk, 6.30 Album Time, 7.90 World News, 7.09 News About British, 7.15 From the Weekles, 7.30 Classical Record Review, 7.45 Network, UK, 8.00 World News, 8.09 Reflections, 8.15 A Treasury of Musick, 8.30 Whining at Losing, 8.00 World News, 8.09 Review of the British Press, 8.15 The World Today, 8.30 Financial News, 8.00 Look Ahead, 8.45 People and Politics, 10.15 Grand National Perview, 11.09 World News, 11.28 News About British, 11.15 About British, 11.30 Microfant, 12.20 Region News About 12.200 Regio

11.55 Weather. Aintree Sport on 2. Rugby: County championship final between Gloucestershire and Somerset) and 5.00

Radio 4 6,25 Shipping Forecast.
6.30 News; Morning Has Broken. 6.55 Weather; Travel.
7.00 News, 7.10 Sunday Papers. 7.15 Apra Hi Giter Samajhiye, 7.45 Bells. 7.50 Turning Över new Leaves. 7.56 Weather; Travel.
8.00 News. 8.10 Sunday Papers.
8.15 Sunday

8.15 Sunday. 8.50 Week's Good Cause. 9.00 News. 9.10 Sunday Papers. 8.15 Latter From America by Alistair 9.30 Morning Service. 10.15 The Archers.

11.15 Weekend. 12.00 Smash of the Day: 'Steptos and Son (r).

12.30 The Food Programme.

1.00 The World This Weekend: News.
1.55 Shipping.

2.00 News; Gardeners' Question

2.00 retwis, tall the Tine.
2.30 Afternoon Theatre Too Late the Phalarope The novel by Alan Paton about a South African who destroys his police officer who destroys his own life and that of his family (r)f 4.00 News; Heritage. Kenneth Hudson
on the way we view history.
4.30 Spring Across Europe. Michael
Jordon on the morthward
migration of birds and insects (1)
Follow the Swallow.
5.00 News Through

News; Travel. Down Your Way visits Pershore in the Vale of Evesham. News. Feedback with Colin Semper. A Passage Through The South Pacific. Bisabeth Mardell on her visit to Papau New Guinea.

Travel; The Bird of Dawning by John Masefield. Last episode f 7.00 John Massengul. List episode. T Bookshelf. In Spite of Curselves. Dame Maria Boutding, CSB, explores our common experience of failure - The Dark Journey'. With Respect Ambassador. Simon Jenkins examines the myths and realities of the modern

Proview: 11.08 World News. 11.08 News About Britein. 11.05 About Erhain. 11.30 Meritain. 12pm Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Anything Goss. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1.00 World News. 1.28 Commantary. 1.15 Network UK. 1.30 About Time. 2.00 Saturday Special. 3.50 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Saturday Special. 3.50 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Saturday Special. 4.60 World News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Saturday Special. 8.00 World News. 4.05 Commentary. 8.15 Good Books. 8.30 Caribbeen Programme. 9.15 What's New. 9.30 People and Politics. 10.00 World News. 10.99 From Our Own Corresponders. 10.30 New Ideas. 10.40 Reflections. 10.48 Sports Roundup. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Latterbox. 12.00 World News. 12.09 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 People of the Week. 12.95 Salores Half Dozer, 2.00 World News. 2.05 News About Britain. 3.16 From Our Own Corresponders. 3.20 World News. 3.09 News About Britain. 3.16 From Our Own Corresponders. 3.20 World News. 3.09 News About Britain. 3.16 From Our Own Corresponders. 3.29 News About Britain. 3.16 From Our Own Corresponders. 3.29 Newsree About Britain. 3.16 From Our Own Corresponders. 3.29 Newsree About Britain. 3.16 From Our Own Corresponders. 3.29 Newsree. 5.15 Letterbox. 6.45 Letter from America. BBC1 WALES 1.00-1.25pm Farming in Wales. 2.10-2.55 Sports Line-up (followed by news headlines). Includes Rugby Union: (Newport and Neath) and Boxing: (WABA finals). 10.55-11.0 Welsh Liberal Party Conference report. 11.20 Join BBC1 International Motor Racing highlights (25 mins into programme). 11.55 News of Weles. SCOTLAND 1.00-1.25pm Landward. 1.25-1.50 Taking Stock. 6.40-7.15 Songs of Praise from Stirling. 10.20-11.10 Mr Speaker, Sri 11.10-11.45 Voyager. Scotland's report on religion. 11.45 Scotlish news summary. NORTHERN IRELAND 11.55 Northern Ireland news.

> GRANADA As London except: starts 9.25 The Wonderful Stories of Professor Kitzel. 9.35-10.00 Land of the Lapps. 11.00 Me and My Camera, 11,26 Asp Kea Hak: 11,30 This is Your Flight, 12,00 Weeken

TV-am 7.25 Good Morning Britain

presented by david Frost includes a Thought for 7.30 Rub-e-Dub-Tub. For four-to-

eight years olds. 8.30 Good Morning Britain includes news and weather at 8.30; sport at 8.35; a review of the Sunday papers at 8.40; and a Behind the News item at 8.50.

ITV LONDON

9.25 LWT Information, 9.30 Me and My Camera. Flore and fauna specialist Heather Angel has tips on how to achieve good close-up pictures (r). 10.00 Morning Worship from High Kirk Presbytarian Church, Ballymena. 11.00 Link. How should disabled characters be presented in popular televisi fiction? 11.30 Crafts Made Simple. The last in the se and Ken Foord tackles

12.00 Weekend World Brign Welden examines the prospect of the miners' strike with Arthur

1.00 Police 5 presented by Shaw Taylor. 1.15 The Big Match presented by Brian Moore. Highlights from two matches played yesterday afternoon. 2.00 London news headline followed by The Smurts, 2.15 Happy Days with Henry Winkler as Fonzie,

of the carrying the concert Party is forced down in the jungle. But are they in the anemy's helf or the Alies? (r) (Ceefax titles page 170). Films Fiddler on the Fibor (1971) starring Topol Musical comedy about a poor Jewish milkman with five marriageable daughters living in the Ukraine. 2.45 The Queen in Jordan, A digest of the five-day visit to Jordan by Her Majesty the Queen. The reporter is Anthony Carthew. 3.20 Sunday Sunday. Gloria Humiford's guests for this, the last programme in the series, are Robert Morley, Nanette Newman Davy Lones Dr daughters living in the Ukraine at the turn of the century. Directed by Norman Jewison. Newman, Davy Jones, Dr David Owen, Clare Francis and Rondo Veneziano. 4.20 Jack drama with the altruistic Jack having used his share of the

reasure to save Judge Sharingham and free the slaves, 4.50 Bullseye, Darts and general knowledge game. 5.20 News. 5.30 Jesus of Nazareth, Part one of a four-part drama based on the life of Christ, with Robert Powell playing the part of Jesus (r).

7.15 Family Fortunes presented by Max Bygraves. 7.45 Live from Her Majesty's. Variety show presented by Jimmy Tarbuck. His guests include Cannon and Ball. Shakin Stevens, The Drifters and Charley Pride.

8.45 News. 9.00 The Professionals, CI5 agents Bodie and Doyle have to find a Lieutenant Colonel, missing from an Army hospital, along with Nato secrets. Has he been abducted by the

Russians? (r). 10.00 Spitting Image. Luck and Flaw models mouth mediocre satire. 10.30 Shang talks to young New York writer, Kathy Acker, She

Interpolational Meteological Interpolational Trophy at Silverstone, the first event in the 12 round is an experimental novelist with a punk background. 11.30 London news headlines followed by American Documentary: Whatever Happened to Lori Jean Lloyd? the story of desperate paren search for their 14-year-old trace the history of stars that are easy to see with the naked daughter who ran away from home. Followed by Night

Clothes'.

8.45 Ad Hoo Adventures with Bob Symes (3) Blaze Away ...

9.00 News, Our Mutual Friend by Charles Dickers, dramatised is tan episodes (2)f. 9.58 Weather 10.00 News.

10.00 News.
10.15 The Paper Clip Spirit. Murdoch
McPherson tells a story of the
Norwegian resistence curing the
last war.
11.80 Survival or Life? With Canon

11.80 Survival or Life? With Canon John Davies.
11.15 Inside Parliament.
12.00 News. 12.16 Weather.
12.15 Close, Shipping Forecast.
ENGLAND VHF as above except.
6.45-7.16 am Open University and 4.90-6.00 pm Study on 4:
4.00 Future of Work. 4.30 Get Bin Greek. 5.00 Prefaces to Shakespeare. 5.30 Taking the Initiative.

Radio 3

7.56 Weather, 8.00 No. 8.05 London Symphology, K 19, C F Ab

Symp No.100

concerts

9.05 Your Concert Strauss's Wo Op 364; Chris Wastern Wing Stravinsky 4

Stravinsky 7

10.30 Music Weethe Mahlers correspond bloentena Mesiler. 1

11.20 From the Chambe Kocais (ii) Bartok

Plano 9 12.10 Prom:

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9.00 No



Julian Firth and Tity Vosburgh in Swimmer (Radio 3, 8.05pm).
part-recorded in a London public baths

BBC 2

6.25 Open University (until 1.55). 1.55 Film: The Fatien Idol* (1948) starring Ralph Richardson an Michele Morgan, Grahame Greene wrote the screenplay for this Carol Reed drama about a British embassy butte accused of murdering his wife 3.25 The Life of an Honest Man." Episode four of the five-part

Mollere (r).. 4.25 Newsnight's March. John Tusa introduces a selection of films shown this month on Newsnight. These include The Secrets of Voodoo, a report trom Haiti.

5.10 Wales! Wales? The final programme in the six-part series by Del Smith tracing the history of Wales and the Welsh. Tonight he examines the institutions and ideas that have over the past quarter of a century added strength to the idea that Wales is a place that is different, with problems peculiar to the principality.

6.00 News Review, With Jan 6.30 The Money Programme examines IBM's expansion into the world of microcomputers and how the

property market could become seviour of greyhound racing. 7.15 Isobel. The first of a new series in which singer isobel Buchanan performs her favourite songs and arias. Her guest is Julian Lloyd Webber.

7.55 News with Jan Leeming. 8.05 One Pair of Eyes. Laurie Taylor - Country Blues. Citylover and country-hater Laurie Taylor is left, armed only with an Ordnance Survey map, to find his true self in the

8.35 All the World's a Stage. Part ten and Ronald Harwood examines the influence of theen on Strindberg and Shaw. 9.30 Did You See ... ? World in

Action, Wogan and The Fainthearted Feminist come under the microscope this 10.20 Film: in Search of Anna (1978) starring Richard Moir and Juston Micerny Released from prison who wants to forget his criminal past and join his first love, Anna. In his search for

love with him. Written, produced and directed by Esben Storm. First showing on British television. 11.45 A Voyage Between Two Seas. Pete Morgan on a narrowboat in the Pennines (r) Ends at

Georgian and Cifford Benson. Irodudes Brahams's Sonata Op 99, Lutoslawski's Grave (Metamorphoses) and a Beethoven work, f Semanaraksi and Monkarkor

2.10 Szymanowksi and Moni

the String Quartet No 1, Op 37; and the String Quartet No 2, † 2.50 BBC Phil Orchestra: part one. Dvorak's Scherzo capriccioso and Sibelius's Symph No 3, † 4.00 August Inte 80s; talk by General Schooling.

George/Schopflin.

3.55 BBC Phil Orchestra: part two.

Bartok's Concerto for Orchestra Bach and Marais: Marais's Suite ing minor, Book 3; and Bach's Bate No 2 in D, BWV 1028.

Etristophe Coin (viola da gamba) and Christopher Hogwood

(President Progress)

(Parpsichord), †

The Troubled Dream: The Politics of Welfare, With Prof A H Halsey, (Director of Social and Administrative Studies, University of Oxford), Prof Rudolph Klein,

University of Bath, and others. Strauss and Reger Songs: performances by Margaret Marshall (soprano), with John

Marshall (sopreno), with John
Freser (plano) Tesur (plano)

Anna he meets Sam, a

2.00 Irish Angle. The week's news as seen by viewers of Radio Telefis Ereann and Ulster 2.30 Don Carlo. Part two of Verdi's opera, performed by New York's Metropolitan Opera. Starring Placido Domingo.

CHANNEL 4

4.45 Anything We Can Do. Mike plays gooseberry when he joins John and Helen on a trip to Birmingham, 5.15 7 Days. Michael Charlton, Helene Hayman and guests

discuss the moral and religious values that lie behind the week's news stories.

5.45 Where in the Worldl Food is the subject for this week's edition of the travel quiz. John Julius Norwich and John Carter captain two teams comprising Alan Brien, Jill Tweedie, James Hunt and Liz

6.15 News headlines and weather followed by international Volleybalt: The Bremen Tournament, Kathy Tayler introduces coverage of the final of the tournament in which world champions China meet the United States.

7.15 The World at War: February to September 1945. Germany had already surrendered and the Japanese were on the brink of defeat when a decision was made to drop the atomic bomb on Hiroshir Was this necessary?

8.15 The Jewel in the Crown: Pandora's Box. The parultimate episode and the European community of Mirat are shaken by a sudden death (shown Tuesday on ITV).

9.15 Shotgums and Accordions. A musical documentary that examines the influence of the Colombian Mafia when the marijuana boom was at its peak in that country.

10.15 War and Peace: The Yiew From Moscow, Recorded at the studio of Gosteleradio in Moscow, the programma features Russian spokesmen, General Viktor Starodubov and Vadim Zagladin, both experts Nuclear Weaponry, and Professor Lawrence Freedman, a nuclear strategy analyst, with Professor John Erickson, a leading expert on Russian military strategy. They discuss the chances of ending

11.15 Alfred Hitchcock Presents . . Revenge. A man takes the law into his own hands when he kills a man he thinks attacked

11.45 Closedown

reature by Patric Dictarison. The readings are by Sean Barrett.

9.55 Louis Spohr: part two E mi lasci cosi? scena and aria Op 71; and Symph No 8, Op 137.†

10.35 John McCabe: plano recital. tretand's Sonatina; Neissen's Checome in Smyrns; and the planist's own Paraphrase on "Mary Queen of Scots" (Study No 5).†

11.15 News. Until 11.18 VHF only: Open University. From 6.55 to 7.55.

Radio 2

A.00am John Evington, 6.04 Shifts Tracyt. 7.30 Right of Calenda Indiana.
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World Service, facing page

TVS As London except: starts 9.25 Farming Brief. 11.30-12.90 Land of the Dragon. 1.00 University Chatlenge. 1.30 Farming Diarry. 2.00 At Home With The Spinners. 2.30 The Sunday Sportsclub, 2.40 TVS News Headlines, 3.45 The Queen in Jordan, 11.30 The Protectors, 12.00 Company,

GRAMPIAN As London except:
Starts 9.25 The
Adventures of Parsley, 9.35 Sesame
Street, 10.35-11.00 Sport Billy, 11.3012.00 Me And My Camera, 1.30 Farming
Outlook, 2.00 The Pruits of
Southampton, 2.30 Cartoon, 2.45
Bullseye, 3.15 Jack Holborn, 3.45 The
Queen in Jordan, 4.20 Scotsport, 5.255.30 News, 11.30 Doornsday, 12.00
Reflections, 12.05 Glosedown.

HTV WEST As London except: 9.25 Cartoon Time. 9.25 Cartoon Time. 9.25 Falcon Island. 11.20 Me and my Camera. 1.00 University Chellenge. 1.3 Farming Wales. 2.00 Encounter. 2.30 The Big Match. 3.15 The Protectors. 3.45-4.20 The Casen in Jordan. 11.30 The Storics of Book in Prof. 12.30 The Roots of Rock 'n' Roll 12.30 Weather, closedown. HTV WALES: No variations.

YORKSHIRE As London except: starts 9.25 10.00 11.00 Me and My Camera. 11.30 12.00 Farming Diary. 1.00 1.15 The Smurfs. 2.00 Fibr. The One and Only (Henry Winkler). 11.30 The Irish RM. 12.30 Five Minutes. 12.35 Closedown.

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REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

TYNE TEES As London except:
Starts 9.25 Morning
Glory, 9.30 Sport Billy, 9.55 The Flying
Kiwi, 10.25 TT Time, 11.00 pm Rock
Special (Average White Band), 11.36
Journey to the Unknown, 12.35 Poet's
Comer, 12.40 Closedown.

Fountains of Roma.†

11.09 Robert Mayer Concert:
Philhermonia Orch in movements
from Haydn's Symph No 99,
Schubert's Symph No 9,
Brahms's No 5 and
Shostakovich's No 10.†

12.15 Music for Clarinet: Thomas
Friedli, with Elisabeth
Athenassova Dalphin (plano) in
works by Devienne, Dobrzynski
and Malcolm Ameld.† 1.08 News

1.05 Schubert and Brahms; plano

and Malcolm Amold.t 1.09 No 1.05 Schubert and Brahms: plano

recital by Steven de Groote.

Fountains of Rome.†

GRAMPIAN As London except starts 9.25mm Noddy. 9.45 The Smartis. 10.10-10.20 Falcon Island. 11.00pm The Deviln Connection. 12.00 Newhart. 12.30 Reflections. 12.35

CHANNEL As London except: starts 9.25 Thunderbirds. 10.20-10.30 Putfin's Platijce. 5.05 Putfin's Platijce. 5.10-5.40 Praggie Rock. 11.00-11.55 Joe Gocker. 12.30 Weather, Closedown.

ANGLIA As London except: 11.00 The Marques. 12.00 Recipe for Happiness. Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except:
Strets 9.25 cm Sesame
Street 10.25 Cartoon Time, 11.00 pm
The Best of Saturday Night Live (Simon and Gerfunkal), 12.00 Newhart, 12.25
Weather, Closedown,

HTV WALES no variations.

GRANADA As London except: starts 9.25 Sesame. Street. 19.20 Carbon. 11.00 pm Joe Cocker in Concert. 12.05 Film: Murder Motal (Robyn Millan). 1.25 Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: starts 9.26 Space 1999, 10.20 Cartoon Time. 15.10 Fraggle Rock. 11.00 Star Parade. 11.55 News. BORDER As London except. Starts 9,25 Vicky the Vising. 9,50 Once upon a Time-man. 10,15 The Smurts. 11,00 pm The Fugitive. 12,00

QUENCIES: Radio 1 MF 1053kHz/285m or 1089kHz/275m. Radio 2 MF 693kHz/433m or 909kHz/330m. Radio 1/2 VHF 88-91MHz. Radio 3 VHF 12.5MHz, MF 1215kHz/247m. Radio 4 LF 200kHz/1500m and VHF 92-95MHz. Greater London Area MF 720kHz/417m. LBC MF 1152kHz/261m, - 97.3MHz. Capital MF 1548kHz/194m, VHF 95.8MHz. BBC Radio London MF 1458kHz/208m and VHF 94.9MHz. World Service MF TSW As London except: starts 9.25em The Wonderful Stories of Professor Kitzel, 9.30 Preeze Frame. of Professor Nizas, 3-30 Preeze Hame, 10,27-10-30 Gus Honeyburn's Magic Birthdays, 5-05 Newsport, 5-10-5-40 Fraggle Rock, 11,00 Joe Cocker, 11,55 The Weiserloo Bridge Handicap (Leonard Rossiter), 12,25 Postcript, 12,30 Weather, closedown.

TVS As London except starts 9.25
Snooper and Blabber, 9.35 The
Smurfs, 10.00-10.30 Mork and Mindy,
20.00 30 Mork and Mindy 5.35-6.30 Knight Rider. 11.00 Jezz: Alto Madness. 11.30 Cornedy Tonight: Furny Ladles. 12.00 Company, closedown.

SCOTTISH As London except: starts 9.25 Carloon Time. 9.35 Happy Days. 10.00 The Flying Kwi. 10.25-10.30 The Cantinnas Show. 11.00pm Late Call. 11.05 Aretha. Franklin. 12.05 Closedown. CENTRAL As London except: starts 9-25-9-30 The Wonderful World of Professor Kitzel 11,00pm Superstars of Music (Tina Turner), 12,00 Closedown,

S4C 1.25 Flermwyr, 2.30 Black on Black, 3.25 Don Carlo, 4.35 Mama Malone, 5.05 Foreword to 4. American Composers, 4 Americas, Composers, 6.15 International Volleyball, 7.15 Wil Cwae Cwae, 7.20 Newyddion, 7,30 Gwely a Bredwast. 8,00 Rhaglen Hywel Gwynfryn, 8,50 Dechrau Canu, Dechrau Carwnol, 8,20 The World At War, 10,15 Film: Intruder In the Dust. 11.45 Seven Days, 12.15 Diwedd/Close.

17.30 This is Your Flight, 12.00 Weeken World, 1.00 University Challenge, 1.30 Chips, 2.30 The Big Mach, 3.15 The Adventurer, 3.45 4.20 The Queen in Jordan, 11.20 That's Hollywood, 11.65 Jazz at the Smithsonian, 12.30

a girl et a swimming pool. There is a sineister outcome. With Tilly Voeburgh and John Rows. 1 2.00 Louis Spohr: Part one, BBC Scottish SC, with Veleny-Gradow (violin) and Lynda Russell (soprano) in the Grand Concent dverture WoO 1; Violin Conc No 7 Op 38. 1 2.35 The Darker Side of W H Davies: a ozarťs , K 239: recital by Karine ONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

ion except: starts F19.00 Link followed I k. 11.00 Mr And My Look and See. 11.30west week 1.30th West Week 1.00
1.30 Farming News.
2.30 The Big Match.
News, 2.25 Cartoon Time
In Jordan, 11.30
tt. 12.00 Postscript.
Closedown.

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London except: starts 30 Once Upon a 301.00 Me and My Strium Me aird My Sirr Angora Love" (1929) dy), 1,25 Weather, 1,30 2,00 Covent Garden, satch, 3,15 Mord and 0 The Queen in Jordan, lezz (Nat Addenty), 12,05 2,55 Alies and Accusers,

As London except Starts 2.25 Border Diary, 9.30 A God, 11.30 Me And My Border Diary, 1.00 Farming Outlook, 2.08 The 0 The Big Match, 3.15 3.45 The Queen In Closedown

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C Starts 1.56 Today's
Good News. 2.00
The Good Match. 3.15
Show. 3.25 Sport Billy.
Queen in Jordan. 11.30 Queen in Jordan. ht. 12.00 Weather.

SCOTTISH As London except: Starts 9.25-9.30 Certoon Time. 10.00-11.00 Sessarios Street. 11.30 Sunday Service. 1.00 University Challenge. 1.30 Farming Outlook. 2.00 Cross Current. 2.30 Th Gien Michael Cavalcade. 3.15 Jack Holborn. 4.20-5.20 Scotsport. 5.30-7.15 Jesus of Nazareth. 11.30 Late Cell. 11.35 Newhert. 12.05 Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except
starts 9.25 Morning
Glory, 9.30 Link, 11.08 Lockaround,
11.05 Stan and Olie, 11.30 Me and My
Camera, 11.58 North East News, 1.00
University Challenge, 1.30 Farming
Outlook, 2.00 Encounter, 2.30 The Big
Metch, 3.15 Extra Time, 3.45 North East
News, 3.47 The Queen in Jordan, 11.30
The Irish R.M. 12.30 Stockton on Tees
Vocal Union, 12.35 Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except starts 9.25 The Wenderful World of Professor Kitzel. 9.30 About Britain. 11.30 Me And My Camera. 1.00 University Challenge. 1.30 Here And Now. 2.00 That's Hollywood. 2.30 The Big Match. 3.15 The incredible Detectives. 3.45 The Queen In Jordan. 11.30 Sunday Jazz (Stan Getz). 12.05 Closedown.

ULSTER As London except 11.30-12.00 Me and My Camera. 1.00 University Challenge. 1.30 Farming Uister. 1.59 weather. 2.00 Smurfe, 2.20. The Big Match. 3.15 The History of the Grand Prb. 3.45-4.20 The Queen in Jordon. 11.30 Sports Results. 112.05 Masses.

WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN, I Stored. WEIGH and white, M Red

British Steel loses £18m order to Japan

British Steel Corporation and talking to BSC for some time to

a statement that it had found the pipe "unacceptable", but it
North Sea is costing £500m a
is known that the contract year, with three-quarters of the
called for high technical standards and a tight delivery
Shell's managing director for

compounds under extremely high pressures from the Fulmar.

Field in the North Sea to 5.

Fergus, just north of Aberdeen.

BSC had reopened its Hartlepool pipemill, after a threemonth closure, to cope with the

contract was canorder, won last August. The works and an associated plate mill employ between 300 and 400 people. Although the cancellation must cause fears about its future, BSC, whose leases are arresing at \$750. losses are running at £3m weekly, said yesterday that it is now working on another order.
Shell said it "regretted"
switching the order from Briain
to Sumitomo Metals, Nippon
Steel, Kawasaki Steel and

held 30 per cent of the contract. It is understood that part of this year worth £40m and has the order was originally placed already completed contracts for in Japan only because BSC felt Britoil and Total.

Shell Oil yesterday cancelled that it could not handle the an £18m pipeline order with the whole contract. "We have been placed the work instead with a consortium of four Japanese spokesman said. "It is very much part of Shell's policy to place orders in the UK. Our development programme in the

Shell's managing director for exploration and production, Mr The pipeline, to be laid this John Jennings, has repeatedly summer, will carry "sour" gas called for more British firms to containing corrosive sulphur take advantage of North Sea called for more British firms to take advantage of North Sea procurement, emphasizing that up to £60 billion will be spent Field in the North Sea to St on development into the next

> when the contract was cancelled. It confined itself to a statement which said: "British Steel released the pipe according to release procedures in the specification defined by Shell." BSC is known to be seriously concerned about the loss, and it is believed strongly and dis-putes any suggestion that it was going to be late or could not

achieve the standards specified.
Although BSC came later into Nippon Kokan - which already the gas pipe business than the Japanese, it has taken orders this year worth £40m and has

Relief as Queen ends Jordan visit safely

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relations with Jordan against the threat to the future of Anglo-Israeli relations, and the possible cost in exposing British diplomats to a spate of new attacks from Arab extrem-

Hopes that thevisit ight ead to Britain quickly securing the £90m contract to provide antiaircrafth missiles to replace the 1,613 US Stinger weapons cancelled by President Reagan earlier thismouth were dashed yesterday by the King himself.

He disclosed that such a deal during the political talks this week, which ran parallel with the visit and were conducted by Mr Richard Luce, Minister o State at the Foreign Office.

Although Mr Shea empha sized that some of the Queen's most controversial remarks during the week, including her description of a map of expanding Jewish settlements in the occupied West Bank as "depressing", were simply factual, the whole tenor of the tour has closely associated Britain with Jordan's present stand in the Middle East.

Yesterday, a beaming King Husain was lavish in his thanks for the tour, the Queen's behaviour and its quences for Anglo-Jorda-





The Aintree scene: A priest studies form as three National runners set out for their final workouts (Photographs: Brian Harris)



John Francome (left) gets a helping hand from his valet, John Buckingham.

Tradition is the form on Aintree's big day

take place at first light, on the racecourse, where contenders

are given their last workout. John Buckingham, a man rarely seen in the public eye, will look after 27 riders in the big race, preparing their saddles for carrying the correct weights and cleaning boots and breeches. Buckingham, a former jockey, rode the 1967 National winner, Foinavon, who was a 100-1 chance.

"There is a tradition with the jockeys in the changing room", Buckingham says. "They have their own niche. Ben de Haan, for instance, will walk in today and find his clothes in the same place as they were when he won the National last year on Corbiere."

Despite the tension, an air of levity pervades the dressing

Today's final preparations room. "John Francome's sense for the Grand National runners of humour will help tone down the tension this year. Buckingham says.

A 24-hour watch has been kept on the course for the last fortnight. The twelfth fence was vandalized the night before the 1982 National and a fortnight ago Becher's Brook was set alight, destroying a 10ft

The final touches to the fences are made, by Bob Emery, the fence builder.

The Chair fence, the biggest on the course, is five-foot high with a six-foot ditch in front. It is so named because a railed chair is situated on the corner, where the judge would sit in days gone by and give out the distances of the horses behind the winner.

Aslef in move to spread strike

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widening of the stoppage could be far more serious than the closures announced by the National Coal Board

He said in Scunthorpe: "The future of British Steel and all its people who have worked so hard and with considerable sacrifice to pull the industry back from the brink of disaster are thus placed at new and deeper risk by the events of this past week and the future looks even more ominous.

Yesterday three Scottish coal merchants failed to win an order banning flying pickets and the coal board reported that letters from wives of moderate miners pressing for a national ballot on the pi. oppage had been pouring at head-

At Hem Heath Collier.

Stoke-on-Trent, four rebel miners ended a sit-in in protest at picketing tactics. Despite the dispute, 38 out

176 pits were working normail according to thecoal board. Mr Anhur Scargill, presiden. of the striking National Unior

of Mineworkers, told a rally last night that dwindling coal stocks pose a "quite frightening' future. Commenting at the end c the coal board's fiscal year and on Mr Ian MacGregor's first si

months as chairman, he said th plan to close 20 pits and lose : least 20,000 miners' jobs in the next year had cost the coar industry and the nation betwee £500m and £600m. Total production losses fire

the 21-week national overtime ban and the past fortnight strake exceeded 12 million

Mr Scargill said: "The coa board has directly provoked industrial action which has brought over 80 per cent of the collieries in Britain to standstill and is dramat affecting the movement supply of coal."

 Bilston Glen. Scotl largest and most productive. was last night within hours closure and irretrievable (Ronald Faux writes). The Union's removal

safety cover to protect jobs stop closures looked as it would result in losing 1,900 and closing down a protiti-Race preview, page 30 1 mine with an assured future.

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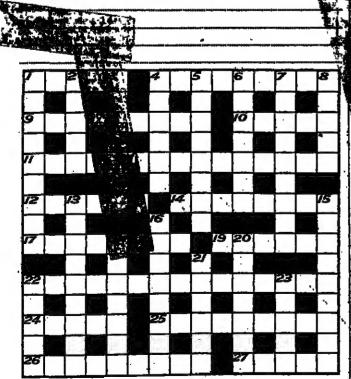




The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16.393

A price of The Times Atlas of the World (comprehensive edition) will be given for the first three correct solutions opened next Thursday. Entries should be addressed to: The Times, Saturday Crossword Competition, 12 Coley Street, London WC99 9YT. The winners and solution will be published next Saturday.

The winners of last Saturday's competition are:



ACROSS

- 1 United reported to be brilliant
- 4 Clemenceau's girl has dark spots
- 9 Having no match for the type with six points (9). 19 Reflection of the spirit of the
- 11 Help a Gryphon lose the river race? Perhaps this would take a brainwave (15).
- 12 Alumnus gets prolix, though not a square (6).
- 14 Doing good cut short to make a living (8).
- 17 Use key to unlock secret passage 15
- 19 One runs the film back for the sake of peace (6).
- 22 Kind of flannels for a stonewaller? (6-9). 24 Sound recovery from a lesion
- (5). 25 Mediar cooked and used in ideal

- 27 Half the code is cracked (5).

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Str E. Hanscombe, 18 Sandvleaze, Westbury-on-Trem, Bristol; Mr E. Stoneley, 205 Tinshill Lanc, Leeds, West Yorkshire; C. Godfrey, Nutrood, Royal Papades, Chisletorst, Kent.

tribunal (5).

- 1 The only one of its kind uttered
- by a coiner (5-4).

 2 For a pick-me-up, go to the jug that's not finished (5). 3 There is no expression for
 - departed god (4,3).

 4 Epaminondas, for example, under the interdict (6).

 5 Direk was one, Juris another (8).
 - Promotion for linesman who
 - loses his touch (7). 7 1 or Turpin can make forcible entry (9). Mother turned sweet when
 - Mandy changed places at the Lecherous, perhaps, like Chris 13
 - (9). See about unknown person summoned to court in agitation
 - 16 Short Dickens work containing example of envy (8).

 18 Bill may be stock with his name
 - 20 Recovered centre arms with suede arrangement (7).
 21 High value, roughly speaking, he
- country (9).

 26 Club, originally glorified palace
 we hear (9).

 27 Half the code is cracked (5).

 28 Aside by a character (5).

CONCISE CROSSWORD PAGE 19

Today's events

Music Concert by Northern Smfonia, Westmorland Hall, Kendal, 7.30. Concert by Sheffield Schools Brass Band, The Moor, Sheffield, 12. Concert by Sheffield Oratorio, Sheffield Cathedral, 7.30. Concert by Musica Antiqua of London, Poole Centre, Casile London, Poole Centre, Castle Manor, Upper School, Haverhill,

Concert by Bath Choir, Bath Abbey,

Berlioz Grande Ivesse des Morts, Blackburn Music Society, Salford Choral Society and Northern Symphon y Orchestra, King Georgs's Hall, Blackborn, 7.30. General

Gala Weekend and mother's Day tearning, Didcet railway, 11 to 5 today and tomorrow. Observer Wind Challenge race for Boards of all types and riders of all types and riders of all ages, Mersea Island, near Colchest-

Mail Ideal Home Exhibition, Court, 10am to 8pm (ends

exhibitions

Sele Eric and the Green Cow.

Are, drawing and paintings by

Akins and Gareth Davis,

Workshop, Arts Workshop, Mon to Sun 10.30 h (1845-1907); bd (1845-1907); sist, Herbert Art im, Jordon Well, LSat 10 to 5.30, 129).

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TOMORROW. Births; William Ha irculation of the blo circulation of the blood
1578; Sir Truby King
mothercraft, New Plyn
Zealand, 1858; Ferral
musician, Empoli, It
Ferenc Molnar, playrig
New York, 1952.
Mothering Sunday: I
Mid-Lent Sunday,
12med Mothering termed Mothering St which also has been Refreshment Sunday. Sunday and Frument hanks to American in

now Mothers' Day, commemorates the bree crowd's fast by the mil loaves and fishes. It may its theme is derived Paul's statement, "Jerus which is the mother (Galatians iv, 26). Or its lie in the ancient cult of Mother and spring fertil the seventeenth and centuries the day was a servant girls to return ho mothers bearing gifts © TIMES NEWSPAPERS 1984, Printed and publishe Newspapers Limited, P.O. Gray's Im Road, London, England, Telephone; 01-837 264971. Saturday March Resistence as a newspapers of the

Gardens open

TOMORROW TOMORROW
Dorset: Frankham Farm, Ryme
Intrinseca, S of Yeovil, off YeovilDorchester road; ¼ acre, shruhs,
trees, spring bulbs; 2 to 6. Borset:
Highbury. Woodside Road, West
Moors, 8m N of Bournemouth, off
B3072
Bournemouth-Verwood
road; ½ acre, many rare and unusual plants, spring bulbs, beros, silver every Sunday and bank boliday until September 2: 2 to 6. Gloscestershire: Rycland House, Taynton, 8m W of Gloscester, between Huntley (A40) and Newent

between Huntley (A40) and Newent (B4215) on B4216; large garden, spring bulbs, wild daffodils, many rare and unusual plants: P. 2 to 6. Gwynedd: Foxbrush, Aber Pwil, Port Dinorwic, 3m SW of Bangor, off Bangor-Caernarvon road; 1½ acres, large variety of plants, semitropical conservatory; 2 to 6. Hereford and Worcester: Haffield, Ledbury, 5 mins from M50 on A417; trees, shrubs, daffodils; P, 2 to 6. Oxfordshire: Quarry Bank House, nr Tackley, 2m E of Woodstock, 4% acres, many spring flowers, 2 to 6. Somerset: Clapton Court, 3m S of Crewkerne on B3165; 10 acres; rare

and unusual trees and shrubs; woodland garden, spring bulbs; P; all year daily except Saturdays; weekdays 10 to 5; Sundays 2 to 5; Saturday April 21 and all Saturdays in May 10 to 5. THURSDAYS IN APRIL SURREY: Lye End Link, St Johns, 3m W of Woking; rock garden, variegated plants, perennials, alpine

In the garden

Plants are growing now as the soil warms up, and in the greenhouse or indoors they are growing fairly fast. Feed all pot plants now with a soluble fertilizer and repeat the dose every 10 to 14 days. Many plants seem to prefer a weekly feed at half the recommended strength.

sective byteler a weekly recti at hair the recommended strength.

Dust on the leaves of indoor foliage plants can be very harmful or even lethal. Wash the leaves once or twice a month, and if you can spare the time apply a "leaf shipe" from an serosol can. the time apply a sear since from an aerosol can.

In the high street there are now plentiful supplies of the Japanese Kurume azaleas at very reasonable

prices. These are hardy varieties, and when they have finished flowering indoors they may be planted in the garden. The azaleas we buy around Christmas are not hardy, they may be stood outside for the summer but must be brought. the summer but must be brough

National Days

Malta today commemorates its National Day to mark the final withdrawal of British forces from their military bases in 1979. Before the expiry of the Anglo-Maltese Military Facilities Agreement, Mal-ta's National Day fell on December 13 to mark its establishment as a republic in 1974. Iran tomorrow commemorates

the fourth anniversary of the declaration of the country's status as an Islamic Republic by Ayatoliah Khomeini. The declaration, which followed the return of the Ayatollah from exile in France in 1979 soon after the fall of the Shah, was translated within a few months into a new Constitution which stated. that the spirituality and ethics of Islam were the basis of the political, social and economic fabric of the

Roads

Midlands: A34: Guild Street, Stratford: delay possible. A6: Matlock Bath; temporary signals. A12: Bentley, ipswich to Colchester

Road: contraflow.
North: A1: Brownyside, north of Ainwick, Northumberland: tempor-ary lights. M6: Thelwall Viaduct, Cheshire: lanes closed both ways between junctions 20 and 21. M63: rear parton ingin-terior orange ames closed both ways. M62: Lanes closed between junctions 12 (Eccles) and 14 (Worsleyk junctions 21 to 22 (Rakewood Visduot); and at Irwell Valley, A68: Elishaw, Northumber-land: Roadworks 8 miles NE of Battingham

The Grand National, Aintree Racecourse, Merseyside MS7, A59, A506 congested. Wales and West: A40: Aberga-Water and West: Age: Age:gavenny to Llandovery at Crickhowell: temporary lights. Ad38:
Tewkesbury, from Elbury County
secondary school to Oldfield:
temporary lights. A55: Chester to
Colwyn Bay at Holywell bypass:
24br temporary lights.

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Scotland: A92: Glenrothes: contraflow between A911 and B921.
A7: South of Selkirk: road reconstruction. Single lane, temporary light. A75: Buccleuch Street.
bridge. Dumfries: one lane each wave during restrictions: 70/from way, turning restrictions 10/from Whitesands.

Information supplied by the AA.

The papers

Commenting on the death of President Ahmed Sekou Toure of Guinea, the Daily Nation of Kenya, says: "He typified the best and the worst in African leadership, quick to defend its honour but also never cringing from actions that tainted it. "He sought genuine independence and spurned French President Charles De Gaulle's offer to be part of the French community. Infinited, the French took everything of their own, including the ink with which he was to sign the accord to accede to the new neo-colonial status.

siatus "Mr Sekou Touré leaves a rather divided nation and a pending coup plot trial. But there is no doubting that the transition of power will be smooth, with Prime Minister Louis Lansana Beavogui expected to succeed him. But Mr Sekou Toure's successors must open the system if the wounds from his reign are to beat."

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Weather forecast

high to N of Britain.

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District, late of Mant: Included showers, whithy on hills, aurary periods; wind E; moderate; max temp 5 to 96 (41 to 45F).

Chemical Islands, SW England: Gloudy, rain; wind E; fresh to strong, locatly gale; max temp 7 to 8C (45 to 46F):

SW, NW Scotland, Cantral Highlands, Argyfe, N Irelands Isolated showers, wintry on hills, surnry pariods; wind E, moderate; max temp 6 to 7C (45 to 46F).

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Outstook for isomerrow and Monday: Dry, surnry intervals in W; cloudy, windy showers in E: some rain at first in S. Rather cold or cold, overnight troot.

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overnight trost.

S North Ses: Wind N light increasing fresh or strong, see smooth. Strake of Dover, English Chemes (E): Wind SE, light backing E strong to gale, see smooth becoming rough. St George's Chemeste Wind E strong to gale, see very rough. Inish See: Wind E moderate

TODAY

New Moon tomorrow.

TOMORROW

New,Moon 1.10pm. Lighting-up time

Lendor 8.03 pm to 6.06 am Sristol 8.12 pm to 6.16 sm Edisburgh 8.19 pm to 6.13 am Menchester 8.13 pm to 6.12 am Penzance 6.23 pm to 6.25 km TOMOFIPOW
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Bristol 8.14 pm to 6.13 am
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Pergance 6.24 pm to 6.25 am

Around Britain



Yesterday

London Vesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 1; (SSF); min 6 pm to 6 am, 5C (41F). Humidity pm, 79 per cent. Ratu: 24m to 6 pm, 06. Sur: 24/r to 6 pm, 6.4. Bar, mean sea leve' pm, 1014.0 millibers fating 1,000 millibers=28.53m.

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High tides

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